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Kowloon	...Dep.	6.40	8.05	8.30	9.15	10.30	12.00	1.15	2.32	4.35	5.29	7.21
Yaumati	...Dep.	6.50	—	—	9.24	10.39	12.09	1.24	2.31	4.44	5.38	7.30
Shatin	...Dep.	7.02	—	—	9.36	10.51	12.21	1.36	2.43	4.56	5.51	7.42
Taipo	...Dep.	7.16	—	—	9.49	11.04	12.34	1.49	2.56	5.09	6.04	7.55
TaipoMarket	Dep.	7.21	—	—	9.53	11.08	12.39	1.53	3.00	5.13	6.08	7.59
Fanling	...Dep.	7.33	—	—	10.03	11.18	12.49	2.03	3.11	5.24	6.19	8.09
Sheungshui	...Dep.	7.36	—	9.07	10.07	11.22	12.53	2.07	3.15	5.28	6.23	8.13
Shumchun	...Arr.	7.42	8.45	9.13	10.13	11.28	12.59	2.13	3.21	5.34	6.29	8.19
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Shumchun	...Dep.	7.19	8.08	10.38	11.40	3.00	4.17	5.13	5.20	5.40	6.06	6.40
Sheungshui	...Dep.	7.25	8.13	10.45	11.47	3.07	4.24	5.20	5.27	5.47	6.15	—
Fanling	...Dep.	7.31	8.17	10.49	11.51	3.11	4.28	5.24	—	5.51	6.19	—
TaipoMarket	Dep.	7.41	8.27	10.59	12.02	3.21	4.38	5.34	—	6.01	6.30	—
Taipo	...Dep.	7.45	8.32	11.04	12.07	3.25	4.42	5.38	—	6.05	6.33	—
Shatin	...Dep.	7.58	8.45	11.17	12.21	3.38	4.56	5.51	—	6.18	6.46	—
Yaumati	...Dep.	8.12	8.57	11.29	12.32	3.50	5.08	6.03	—	6.30	6.58	—
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Shataukok	...	...	8.40	3.15	4.15	7.20	
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"We are not going to do any good in China by having our flag hauled down, evacuating women and children, and allowing houses, shops, and warehouses to be invaded by a mob. What is going to help us is the prestige of the British flag, backed by the stout heart of the British nation," declared Admiral Sir Reginald Hall, Director of Naval Intelligence during the Great War, amid the cheers of a Conservative meeting at Bath. "I believe, if we only stand firm, we can keep the flag flying, and have no more incidents like that of Hankow. If we want foreign nations to respect the British flag, we must assert our rights. Contempt and total loss of trade would follow the hauling down of the flag and the running away on every occasion on which a Labour manifesto declared the British had no right in China."

SIR MATTHEW NATHAN.

In the course of an interview in the *Daily News*, Major Sir Matthew Nathan, a former Governor of Hong Kong, who recently revisited China, did not think that things will ever be again the same in China as they were before the growth of the spirit of nationalism, but believed that the direction of that spirit against Great Britain would die down if the violent Soviet propaganda ceases. We should do what we can, he said, to counteract the propaganda, and to make the Chinese realise that nothing would be more advantageous or welcome to this country than a Nationalist Administration which would make unnecessary for the security of foreign trade in the future any interference in the internal affairs—national or local—of China.

SIR GERSHOM STEWART, M.P.

Sir Gerhom Stewart, M.P., who spent twenty-four years in business in China, and was a member of the Hong Kong Legislative Council, said a revision of Treaties is bound to be undertaken. He did not agree that "Nationalism" is the cause of the situation. He attached significance to the influence of Bolshevism on the Cantonese, but he considered that, when the Cantonese had achieved their ends they would endeavour to throw over their present leaders. Great Britain's attitude to changing China should be one of sympathy with legitimate aspirations.

LT.-COL. APPLIN.

Lt.-Col. R. V. K. Applin, writing from the House of Commons to the *Morning Post*, says:—With the Chinese, as with all Oriental peoples, firmness must be backed by a show of strength, and if the Chinese authorities in any province are unable to preserve order, we are bound to do so immediately at all costs. I feel sure I am voicing the opinion of the nation when I express the hope that the Prime Minister will deal firmly and justly with the crisis in China, but, above all, act at once. To wait till inaction creates disaster is unthinkable, and will be unpardonable in a Conservative Government.

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To have given the lie to the vague but passionate charge of "Imperialism" brought against us by so many in China; to have placed the onus of maintaining order and security on the Chinese authorities, and to have required them to discharge this responsibility, and answer conciliation with reason if they wish to obtain any measure of international recognition—this is surely, writes a "Twenty Years' Resident in China," not a bad beginning for the new policy. Uncertain and difficult as the present situation still is, the strategy of avoiding an armed clash may yet prove as effective against the tactics of extremist agitators as the analogous step taken by the Russians (now playing so different a rôle) to vanquish Napoleon over a century ago. No other policy has

(*Continued on next column.*)

IN THE WILDS OF BURMAH.

HUMAN SACRIFICE, SLAVERY AND BLOOD FEUDS.

BRITISH EXPEDITION'S TASK.

The first dispatches describing the progress of the expedition to the Naga Hills of Burmah were received at the end of last month. Mr. Dewar, of the Burmah Frontier Service, who is in charge of the political side of the expedition, and Captain Howman, who commands the escort of military police, left Myitkyina in Christmas week and on January 4th arrived at Maingkwan, a village 70 miles from the nearest outpost and 35 miles from the boundary of the administered territory. They encountered heavy rain and mist, the mule track along which they travelled was marshy and slippery, and leeches were met with in thousands. They left Maingkwan on January 7th.

A Pleasant Neighbourhood!

The expedition is investigating the conditions of life of the slaves liberated by the earlier expedition of Mr. J. T. O. Barnard, Deputy Commissioner of the Burmah Frontier Service. At the request of tribal chiefs the expedition is continuing its investigation into the possibility of stopping inter-tribal blood feuds and attempting to induce the natives to abandon the practice of human sacrifice. It is intended to penetrate territory never previously visited by white man, and to facilitate the progress of the expedition the tribal chiefs are clearing roads and making other preparations.

To Stamp Out Blood Feuds.

Before leaving Maingkwan several blood feuds were brought before Mr. Dewar—C—— Naga chief, who undertook a [redacted] days' journey to visit him, stated th[redacted] people had incurred a "bloo[redacted] resulting recently in a double murder, owing to the firm attitude of his brother against human sacrifices in his territory.

The correspondent says that the story appears to be substantially accurate, and adds that if chiefs are prepared to face personal danger to suppress the custom, it would appear the day is dawning when the hideous practice will be finally stamped out.

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yet been suggested which offers any hope of the real settlement for which everyone hopes, which will make possible in the new nationally conscious China the friendly commercial and cultural relations which we all desire to see. The fact is that we can enjoy no prestige in China unless we can convince at least the more reasonable sections of the Nationalist Party that we wish to remain in China only on terms of good will and mutual advantage which will further rather than hinder the achievement of their patriotic ideals. The present generous policy, pursued courageously, energetically, and with determined good will, even through temporary setbacks, would seem to be the only way to secure this end; and that only if loyally supported by all sections of the British communities in China and of their friends at home.

SHANGHAI VOLUNTEERS.

Col. Henry Knollys (late R.N.) pays a handsome tribue to the Shanghai Volunteers. Writing to *The Times*, he gives a brief recollection of an official inspection of the Shanghai Volunteers which he carried out some years ago. The expression "Volunteers" inadequately represents, he says, the composition of this force, raised and supported by this little English republic, entirely independent of the British War Office and the Government. The troops on parade comprised about 400 infantry, a small detachment of artillery, a few horsemen, and a band, few in numbers, composed of Portuguese and Malays. The main body was made up almost exclusively of the finest types of Englishmen—heads of wealthy British Hongs, prosperous mercantile houses, and their employees of all grades, but all highly educated and more or less of the class of "gentlemen." Scrutiny of the ranks will confirm this. They were as steady, stalwart, and set up as trained warriors. Their movements on the parade ground and their enthusiasm and intelligence in the drill field bespoke their efficiency and patriotism. If called on to fight and to defend, it is certain they would be found worthy of the best traditions of soldier-trained English gentlemen.

THE WEEK'S DIARY.

To-day.

First Committee Meeting for New Territories Development Show.
Rehearsal of Miss Violet Capell's pupils, Theatre Royal, 3 p.m.
H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
Hotel Savoy tea dansant, 4.30 p.m.
Golf: Club *v.* Ladies; Bogey pool, Fanling.
Football and Cricket: Details in to-day's issue.
Yachting: Presented Cups Race, for all classes.
H.M.S. *Hermes* dance, Hotel Savoy, 8.30 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Brown of Harvard."
World Theatre: "Texas Streak."
Star Theatre: "His Jazz Bride."
Principal Mails:—Inward: Europe *viâ* Siberia (*Deucalion*). Outward: Europe *via* Marseilles (*Kalyan*), 10.30 a.m.; Europe *via* Siberia (*Nyanza*), 10 a.m.

Sunday.

Golf: Junior Championship Semi-final; Bogey Pool, Fanling.
Cricket: Volunteers *v.* C.R.C., at Chinese Recreation Club, 10.45 a.m.
Yachting: Re-sail of 1st Championship race, cruisers.
Social Gathering, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 7 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Marriage Clause."
World Theatre: "Prairie Wife."
Star Theatre: "The Ten Commandments."
Principal Mails:—Inward: U.S.A., etc. (*Shinyo Maru*); U.S.A., etc. (*President Jefferson*).

Monday.

Golf: Bogey pool, Fanling.
H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
Hotel Savoy tea dansant, 4.30 p.m.
Philharmonic Society rehearsal (H.M.S. *Pinafore*), Cathedral Hall, 5.30 p.m.
Lecture: "Aviation," by Flight-Lieut. J. Newall, Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.
Annual Meeting, Kowloon Residents' Association, St. Andrew's Church Hall, 6 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Marriage Clause."
World Theatre: "Prairie Wife."
Star Theatre: "The Ten Commandments."
Principal Mails:—Outward: U.S.A., Canada and Europe *viâ* San Francisco (*West Elcajon*), 5 p.m.

Tuesday.

Sanitary Board meeting, 4.15 p.m.
H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
Hotel Savoy tea dansant, 4.30 p.m.
H.K., Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., annual meeting, noon.
Annual Inspection of H.K. V.D.C., by G.O.C., Murray Parade Ground, 6 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "The Mystic."
World Theatre: "Dulcy."
Star Theatre: "The Devil's Circus."
Principal Mails:—Outward: Canada, U.S.A., etc., Europe *viâ* San Francisco and *viâ* Siberia (*Shinyo Maru*), 10.30 a.m.; Europe *viâ* Marseilles (*Demodocus*), 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday.

Annual meeting H.K. Benevolent Society, City Hall, noon.
H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
Hotel Savoy tea dansant, 4.30 p.m.
5th Annual Dancing Display by Miss V. Capell's pupils, Theatre Royal, 5.15 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "The Mystic."
World Theatre: "Dulcy."
Star Theatre: "The Devil's Circus."
Principal Mails:—Outward: Australia, etc. (*Mishima Maru*), 9.30 a.m.

Thursday.

Annual meeting H.K. and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.'s Board Room, noon.
H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
Hotel Savoy tea dansant, 4.30 p.m.
Philharmonic Society rehearsal (H.M.S: *Pinafore*), Cathedral Hall, 8.30 p.m.
H.M.S. *Caradoc* dance; Helena May Institute, 9 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Wages of Virtue.'
World Theatre: "Midshipman."
Star Theatre: "The Freshman."

Friday.

H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
Hotel Savoy tea dansant, 4.30 p.m.
Organ recital, St. John's Cathedral, by Mr. R. Baldwin, 5.45 p.m.
Victoria Recreation Club, annual meeting, 6 p.m.
Boxing: Royal Navy and Royal Marine Novices competition, R.N.C. Theatre.
St. Andrew's Young Men's Club Social, 8.30 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Wages of Virtue."
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CHIANG KAI SHEK'S CONCENTRATION AT HANKOW.

POWERS WAITING TO EVACUATE THEIR NATIONALS.

A graphic description of the situation on the middle reaches of the Yangtsze which led to the dispatch of British forces to Shanghai is given by an American resident of the disturbed zone. We give his account of General Chiang Kai Shek's alleged accumulation of forces at Hankow for what it is worth, but it has not been mentioned in any other source of information. Also his ideas as to the policy of the Powers must be taken as his own. He writes in the *Japan Advertiser* as follows:

You have doubtless read fully of Hankow, Kiukiang and Changsha incidents. All foreign China is buzzing with praise of the remarkable exhibition of self control given by the British Marines at Hankow. Their self-restraint has borne greater fruit than even they expected. None of the foreign commanders knew it at the time, but it has since come to light that an entire fighting unit of Chiang Kai Shek's army—even including airplanes—was standing by waiting and hoping for one foreign shot to be fired, which would give them the necessary excuse to attack the concessions in force!

Risks of Massacre.

Our position here is—well "interesting." On the surface everything is quiet and much the same as usual, except for the two destroyers lying off the bund. Underneath, everything is extremely tense. The Consul has forbidden us to travel without his special permission in each instance. A few of the more excitable foreigners have left for Shanghai and several others have packed most of their belongings. Yet ever since I have been in China we have lived in more or less constant expectancy of trouble. If we had packed up and got out each time, where would we be? The two destroyers in port can accommodate our entire foreign community so we are sort of standing by "T.F."

The situation at present resolves itself into a race between the foreign powers and the Reds. We all believe that the Powers are holding off just long enough to permit the evacuation of their nationals from the interior. Take the large province of Szechuan as an example. There are no railroads and the foreigners after trekking overland must rely on the Yangtsze steamers to pick them up at Chungking or Wanhsien. We learn that even now they are having great trouble doing so, due to the natives' refusing to carry them or their baggage.

It is absurd to think that Great Britain or any foreign power would submit to having their concessions violently seized by a mob, without some action. Yet had they opened fire at Hankow it would practically have meant murder to all foreigners in Szechuan and other interior points. Even after reaching Chungking or Wanhsien the only means of exit from the province is the foreigners steamers. Yet the river is so treacherous that every ship depends entirely on Chinese pilots. If they should strike or be intimidated, the steamers would tie up. When you think of the cost of moving warships, you will realise that the great number assembling on the Yangtsze from all parts of the world have come for some purpose.

If Hangchow Fall!

If the foreign Powers take action soon, we, here, may pass the crisis comparatively quietly. If the Reds win at Hangchow (south and west of Shanghai) they will cut straight north and cut the Shanghai-Nanking R.R. This place will then turn Red immediately and out we shall get! As soon as the foreigners are evacuated from interior points we believe the foreign Powers must show their hand and take some definite action. In the meantime we are just waiting and carrying on as usual. If anything happens you are liable to hear from us from Manila!

According to present plans of the Navy, if we have to get out the destroyer is to take all Americans off and proceed to Manila. This is probably because Shanghai is already over-crowded with refugees from other ports.

It is also known that the Northerners have little hope of holding them at Hangchow. It is true the Northern forces have won several victories—including the capture of Ningpo—but they have not yet been up against the main troops of the Nationalist [redacted]

PEACE IN INDUSTRY.

LORD BURNHAM ON THE STRIKE WEAPON.

POLITICS TO BE KEPT OUT OF TRADE UNIONS.

Lord Burnham and Mr. Arthur Pugh, the chairman of the Trades Union Congress when the General Strike was called, appeared together on the platform of a meeting at Derby called to discuss peace in industry. Many employers and leading trade unionists were among the gathering of 1,500 people.

Lord Burnham said that while the right to strike had been a real protection to the working classes in the past some better machine was now needed for settlement of trade disputes. He thought it could be found in the Whitley Councils if they were given a fair chance, operating on approved lines. There should also be a wider application of the profit-sharing system. He did not think that the economic Parliament proposed by Mr. Arthur Henderson would do much to solve the problem.

Mr. Pugh appealed to the mine-owners to give some indication of the will to peace in a basic industry by exploring the possibilities of a national conference for the formulating of a policy embodying the principles of the report of the Royal Commission.

Miners' Breach With Reds.

Many miners in the Durham coalfield are taking it upon themselves to eliminate the Red element from their union affairs. During the week-end meetings were held in various parts of the county forming branches of the Miners' Non-Political Industrial Society.

Mr. James Allison, the chairman of the Esh Winning Society, declared that the Burnham Miners' Association was crumbling because there was no unity in its ranks. Politics were absolutely barred from the new organisation. They sought to establish arbitration in all disputes and a closer relationship between the owners and the men, and also to give every man his freedom.

Mr. J. Donnelly, of Blackhall Colliery, said the Durham Miners' Association had too long held its members in captivity, and now there was a breaking away.

At a meeting of the northern section in Newcastle speakers deplored bad leadership in the recent struggle, and declared that the gifts of money from Moscow had placed the miners in a hopeless position.

OVER-RUN BY MILITARISM.

SIR A. YAPP ON CHINA'S CURSE.

During his latest world tour, Sir Arthur Yapp, the much-travelled secretary of the Y.M.C.A., stayed in China for a fairly lengthy period, and he was able, therefore, to talk with a certain amount of authority upon that country when he addressed the Birmingham Y.M.C.A.

"The one thing that is certain about China is the uncertainty," he said. "Nobody knows what is happening, much less what is going to happen. Everything is in a state of chaos.

"The curse of China to-day is militarism. The country is over-run by war lords. Most of them began their careers as brigands.

"The miracle of China is that the mass of the people are working steadily on and increasing their exports.

"The menace to the country is in the educated and half-educated Chinese, yet it is in the educated class that the hope of the future lies."

Sir Arthur pleaded for sympathetic consideration of China at the present time, and said he thought the fullest confidence could be placed in the British authorities there.

Speaking of his tour generally, he said there were still countless opportunities abroad for young Britishers, but the day had gone for ever when the Britisher could get on merely because he was a Britisher. It was character that counted more than anything now.

MR. J. H. THOMAS'S DAUGHTER ENGAGED.

"It was quite a romance of a liner, if you like to put it that way, but I cannot say that the engagement took place before the end of the voyage, as I am sure you would like."

Thus, laughingly, Miss Peggy Thomas, the eldest daughter of Mr. J. H. Thomas, M.P., discussed with a Press representative the announcement of her engagement to Mr. Reginald Harris, whom she met in the liner *Sazon* on a trip to South Africa two years ago.

The wedding will probably take place in April. Miss Thomas was accompanying her father on an Empire Parliamentary mission when she met her fiancé.

Mr. Harris is a Londoner, and is connected with a firm of engineers and contractors.

SOVIET POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.

THE CANTON AGREEMENT.

ATTITUDE TOWARDS WESTERN EUROPE.

Political Moscow is now hibernating, writes a *Saturday Review* correspondent from that City. The last event of the season, the session of the "Kuomintang" Executive, was mainly taken up by dreary recapitulations of official doctrine about the "temporary stabilization of Capitalism on the West," leading to the "inevitable struggle between British and American capitalists and the most terrible war in history!"

But it achieved one important result for Bolshevik policy on the East: the negotiation of a working arrangement between Communists and Nationalists within the Kuomintang, that is, a regular *liaison* between Canton and Moscow. Sun Yat Sen, late Canton dictator said: "Work with Moscow but always look to the West." Last Spring his successors, making a sudden swing away from the Extreme Left, expelled many Chinese Communists from the city together with their Russian monitors. But the sagacious Chiang Kai Shek, whom this *coup* brought to the supreme command, had no intention of forcing events to a crisis. And a *modus operandi* has now been reached whereby the Russian military advisers are to be retained and one-third of the members of the Kuomintang Executive Committee are to be Chinese Communists. Moreover, the Canton Army is to be reorganized on the lines of the Red Army, namely, "political" representatives are to be included among the higher ranking officers and, in picked regiments, also among N.C.O.'s and privates. This ensures political control over Chiang Kai Shek, who may become a Trotzky but not a Napoleon. In exchange, a significant concession is made to Canton: in future, Chinese Communist members of the Kuomintang shall obey Kuomintang orders before Communist orders and conflicts shall be referred for decision to the Kuomintang Executive. Moscow Communists, who have not forgotten Sun Yat Sen's dictum and have no illusions about the ultimate strength of Cantonese Communism, are highly satisfied with this arrangement.

The dismissal of Zinoviev from the secretaryship of the Kuomintang—the other important event of the session—although mainly due to his activities as a leader of the Opposition within the Russian Communist Party, none the less illustrates the present tendency to "demobilize" the Third International on the West. Bukharin, the subtlest party dialectician, has been made secretary *ad interim*; it is likely that a foreign delegate, probably the German Thaelemann, will share the office with him after the next Congress. And one again hears the pros and cons of sending the Third International away from Moscow—to Berlin or even to Vienna—discussed. For practical reasons I think this unlikely; but it shows the irritation of experts in Foreign Affairs at the ponderous and compromising methods of the Kuomintang.

Baited by such obscure foreign delegates as the American Mr. Pepper—comically faithful henchman of the party leaders—the Opposition leaders Trotzky, Zinoviev and Kamenev (this last with his nomination to the Quirinal safe in his pocket) claimed their right to address the Kuomintang Executive and in telling speeches denounced official optimism with regard to the growth of *economic* Socialism in Russia, insisting on the need for developed commercial and financial relations with the Capitalist States of the West, if the Russian Socialist State is to survive. Hitherto the Stalin Administration, after officially "extirpating" the Trotzkist heresy, has quietly adopted many of his proposals. But this time the quarrel is so envenomed that I feel it will lead to a stiffening of the official attitude with regard to debt recognition and industrial concessions to foreigners. —*Saturday Review.*

HELMET OF NAPOLEON III STOLEN FROM ARMOURY.

Thieves carried out a daring coup at the Chateau Grobien at Boissy St. Leger, near Paris, occupied by Princess Delatour d'Auvesc.

There is a fine armoury in the chateau, and the thieves helped themselves liberally to gold and silver-mouted daggers.

They also took a helmet which belonged to Napoleon III. and a cross of the Legion of Honour set with pearls.

GERMANY'S FOREIGN RELATIONS.

TREATIES AND TRADE.

Apart from the German-Lithuanian Trade Treaty, which has now been ratified, Germany in 1926 concluded trade treaties with Sweden, Switzerland, Finland and Latvia (writes the *Exchange's* Berlin correspondent). Further supplementary agreements were reached with Denmark, Spain and Italy, and a provisional agreement with France.

The German-Turkish Trade Treaty, which was signed in November, is to be ratified shortly, and negotiations with Japan are practically concluded for a treaty which will contain Japanese concessions in import restrictions and Customs' treatment of German dyes, as well as German Customs' reductions for Japanese silks.

On the other hand, it has not yet been possible to reach definite agreements with France, Poland and Czechoslovakia. The establishment of settled trade treaty conditions is also considered to be urgent in the cases of Roumania and Canada. Since the majority of the treaties and agreements reached in 1926 only came into force towards the end of the year, it is difficult to form an opinion as to the effect of the new arrangements towards the simplification and extension of Germany's foreign trade.

Trade Balance.

Furthermore, the figures for Germany's foreign trade in 1926 were affected very greatly by the English coal strike and also by special commercial conditions in Germany. Owing to the coal strike, there was a decrease in the total English exports by 15 per cent., and in the total imports by 5½ per cent. in the first ten months of the year, as compared with 1925.

The favourable balance of 445 million marks in the German trade with England during the first nine months of 1926—as against an adverse balance of eleven million marks in the previous year—can only be regarded as being due to exceptional conditions, chiefly due to the stoppage of the English coal export to Germany, and the increase in Germany's export of iron and iron goods.

Trade with the United States was again very adverse to Germany, since goods to the value of only 536 million marks were exported, while the German import of American goods amounted to about 1,000 million marks—cotton alone to the value of 300 millions, copper 100 millions, other raw materials 200 millions, and foodstuffs 382 millions. It has, however, been possible to decrease the adverse balance of the previous year, which amounted to 1,600 millions—chiefly by a reduction in the import of raw material.

HEALTH BULLETIN OF EASTERN PORTS.

The Health Bulletin for the week ending February 12th, states:—

Plague.
2 cases at Bombay.
4 cases at Rangoon.
1 case at Colombo.
4 cases at Sourabaya.

Cholera.
3 cases at Negapatam.
8 cases at Rangoon.
1 case at Singapore.
7 cases at Bangkok.

Small-pox.
38 cases at Bombay.
153 cases at Calcutta.
1 case at Karachi.
33 cases at Madras.
2 cases at Rangoon.
1 case at Saigon.
12 cases at Vladivostock.

EXCHANGE RATES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, February 17th.

Paris	123.70
Brussels	34.89
Amsterdam	12.12½
Berlin	20.47
Copenhagen	18.19
Vienna	34.42½
Helsingfors	192⅝
Lisbon	2.17/32
Rio	5⅞
Bombay	1/6.1/32
New York	4.85.1/16
Geneva	25.20
Milan	112.5/16
Stockholm	18.17
Oslo	18.86
Prague	163½
Madrid	29.02
Athens	374
Buenos Aires	47½
Yokohama	2/0.7/32
Shanghai	2/6½
Hong Kong	2/0
Silver (spot)	23¼
Silver (forward)	23.11/16

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Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	£32 nom.
Do., C.	£13½ nom.
P. & O. Bank	$93 buy.
East Asia Bank	$30 sel.
Canton Insurance	$660 buy.
China Underwriters	$0.90 buy.
North China Ins.	Tls. 145 nom.
Union Insurance	$235 buy. & sa.
Yangtsze Insurance	Mex. $38 buy.
China Fire Insurance	$200 buy.
Hong Kong Fire Ins.	$615 buy.
Douglases	$31½ buy.
Steamboats	$23½ sel.
Hong Kong Tugs	$1.10 nom.
Indo-Chinas (Pref.)	$30 sel.
Do. (Def.)	$40 buy.
Shell Transports	58/- nom.
Star Ferries	$55½ buy.
Waterboats	$14 buy., 14½ sel. & sa.
China Sugars	$22 sel.
Malabon Sugars	$34 nom.
Benguets	$1.30 nom.
Kailan Mining Ad.	38/- nom.
Langkats (common)	Tls. 24½ nom.
Do. (single)	Tls. 12½ nom.
S'hai. Explorations	Tls. 4½ nom.
Shanghai Loans	Tls. 7½ nom.
Raubs	$4 sel.
Tronoh Mines	21/- buy.
Ural Caspians	8/- nom.
H.K. & K. Wharfs	$112½ sel.
H.K. & W. Docks	$40 nom.
Hongkews	Tls. 150 nom.
New Engiseorings	Tls. 5½ buy.
Shanghai Docks	Tls. 102 buy.
H.K. & S. Hotels	$8 buy. & sa.
H.K. Lands	$56½ nom.
Hong Kong Realtys	$5½ buy.
H.K. Terminals	$3½ sel.
Humphreys Estates	$12½ buy.
Prince's Buildings	$89 nom.
Kural Lands	$1½ sel.
Ewo Cottons	Tls. 8½ buy., 8½ sa.
Orientals	Tls. 2½ nom.
Shanghai Cottons (old)	Tls. 53½ buy.
Do. (new)	Tls. 27 buy.
China Buses	Tls. 9½ buy.
H.K. Tramways	$22 sa.
Peak Trams (old)	$15½ buy.
Do. (new)	$8½ buy.
Singapore Tractions	18/- sel.
Taxis	$1 sel.
Amusements	$18½ buy.
Canton Lees	$5 nom.
Cements (combined)	$8 sel.
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Do. (new)	$1½ nom.
China Lights (comb.)	$14½ nom.
Do. (old)	$11 nom.
Do. (new)	$7½ buy.
China Provident	$5 sel.
Constructions	$2.30 buy.
Dairy Farms	$17½ buy.
Des A. Wings	$5 nom.
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Macao Electrics	$35 nom.
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Do. (new)	$5 sel.
Lane Crawfords	$8 nom.
Mackintosh	$19½ nom.
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EXCHANGE.

OPENING QUOTATIONS.

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ON BOMBAY.—	
Telegraphic Transfer / Bank Bills, on demand	135
ON CALCUTTA.—	
Telegraphic Transfer / Bank Bills, on demand	135
ON SHANGHAI.—	
Bank Bills, at sight / Private, 30 days' sight	nom.
ON YOKOHAMA.—On demand	100½
ON MANILA.—On demand	98⅛
ON SINGAPORE.—On demand	87½
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THE "TATTERED" BANK NOTE.

AN APPEAL TO THE PRIVY COUNCIL.

YESTERDAY'S PETITION TO FULL COURT.

"A MATTER OF GENERAL AND PUBLIC IMPORTANCE."

What has come to be known as "the tattered bank note case" was again mentioned at the Supreme Court yesterday afternoon, when before a Full Court, comprising the acting Chief Justice (Mr. Justice J. R. Wood) and the acting Puisne Judge (Mr. J. H. B. Nihill), a petition was made for leave to appeal from the decision of the Full Court and from the judgment recently given by the Puisne Judge in the Summary Court.

The petition was made by Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., who has appeared both in the Summary Court, and in the Full Court appeal on behalf of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. Mr. H. Somerset Fitzroy was on behalf of the Chinese woman who sued the bank in the first case.

It will be remembered that a Chinese woman presented a $500 note to the Bank for payment upon which the numbers and date were missing. The note had been left in the pocket of a jacket and had been washed, starched and ironed. The bank refused to pay and the woman sued the bank. The Puisne Judge, found that the note had not been materially altered and that the bank must pay on the note.

An appeal was heard before the Full Court, comprising the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, and the Puisne Judge, Mr. J. R. Wood. The Chief Justice found for the bank, but the Puisne Judge upheld his previous decision and according to the Ordinance of 1912 the Puisne Judge's decision stands.

Following this decision it was decided to apply for leave to appeal to the Privy Council.

Grounds For Leave To Appeal.

Mr. Potter in opening explained the technical grounds for an appeal in this case although the money involved was below the value of $5,000.

The second ground of appeal was that this was a matter of general or public importance, which should go before His Majesty's Privy Council for decision.

Mr. Potter contended that the case involved an important legal principle with regard to the law of documents. Among the points of law involved was the meaning of one of their local Ordinances, namely Section 64 of Bills of Exchange Ordinance. The interpretation of the phrase in that Section "materially altered", was also involved, "that a case of this kind should be cut short at a stage when the two learned judges of the Court of Appeal here have differed on many important points. It is important that the matter should go to another Court."

It had been found by both judges that the number of a banknote was an essential and vital part of the note.

Mr. Potter went on to refer to the importance of the number in the case of a stolen note. One could go to the bank if a note were stolen or missed, give the number and have payment stopped, and an effort made to trace the note, but on the judgment as it stood a thief having erased the number could present the note for payment, and the bank could not question it. That was because at present an erasure was held not to be a material part of note, and the contract was not voided.

Far Reaching Principle.

The principle, submitted Mr. Potter, was so far reaching that the case was one of sufficient general and public importance to warrant it going before a higher tribunal. The $500 was nothing to the bank, but when it was known that there were 50,000,000 dollars worth of notes outstanding belonging to the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank in Hong Kong alone, then their Lordships would see that while the $500 was a trivial matter,

(*Continued on next column*).

HONG KONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

BIG INCREASE IN RELIEF.

The Hong Kong Benevolent Society will hold its 37th annual meeting at 12 noon on February 23rd in the Society's room at the City Hall. Subscribers and all interested in the Society are asked to make every effort to attend. The report shows a threefold increase in application for relief on any previous year's working in the history of the Society and it is feared the coming year will bring even a heavier call owing to conditions in China.

The Society earnestly warns residents against giving assistance to seemingly distressed people without first making full inquiry. This frequently leads to overlapping. The Society is only too glad to be of use in investigating cases of distress. The Hon. Secretary and members of the Committee attend at the City Hall on Mondays and Thursday between 11 and 12 to interview cases and to receive gifts of clothing used or unused. These gifts are of the greatest assistance and are urgently asked for. All inquiries should be made to Mrs. J. H. Hunt, Telephone K. 1471.

and did not enter into the argument, the principle was of great public importance. The present judgment affected the public to a very alarming extent, as it prevented the bank from checking by the effective means of numbers stolen or lost notes.

Mr. Potter then gave legal references in support of his argument.

The case affected the integrity of bank notes in the Colony in a very practical manner as the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank were having doubtful notes presented on an average of one a week.

The decision bound the Bank in respect of all these notes and must continue to do so unless the decision were reversed by the higher Court.

Mr. Fitzroy Replies.

Replying Mr. Fitzroy argued that there was nothing which made the case one of general or public importance. The case of a note disintegrated and reduced to pulp could not be prejudicial as it was very unlikely to occur again.

Mr. Potter: The evidence of Mr. Towns was that notes are being brought forward once a week.

Mr. Fitzroy: But the condition of the notes and circumstances would be different.

The Chief Justice: The evidence of Mr. Towns was that once a week notes were brought to the bank on which the numbers could not be identified.

Suggestion to the Bank.

Mr. Fitzroy suggested that the Bank could safeguard themselves in many ways. For instance, what was there to prevent them from printing the number of the note all round it. The number might also be waterwoven into the note so that it could not be destroyed by being washed or ironed.

Mr. Potter: What about the 50,000,000 dollars worth outstanding?

Mr. Fitzroy: That is a matter for the bank. It has nothing to do with me.

In conclusion, Mr. Fitzroy submitted that a special set of circumstances arose in this case which did not apply generally, and that there was no ground for further appeal.

Leave to Appeal Granted.

After conferring with Mr. Nihill, the Chief Justice announced that he and the Puisne Judge were agreed in the matter.

On the ground that the appeal involved a question respecting property or civil right, they were of opinion that it involved a relationship between the bank and the holder of the bank note. The petition for leave to appeal must be granted on that ground.

Dealing with the point raised by Mr. Potter that the question involved a matter of general or public importance, and should be submitted to the Privy Council for decision, the Chief Justice said that it was clear that the present case came within the terms of this rule. Note issue in Hong Kong was practically the only currency of the Colony, and anything which effected this issue must be for the Court a matter of general and public importance. It was very important that the points raised here should be tried by the highest tribunal in England. Clearly it was desirable that views expressed in the judgment of the Full Court, where the judges held opposite opinions, should receive consideration. Also that Section 64 of the Bills of Exchange Ordinance should be considered at the same time.

His Lordship also dealt with a third point raised by Mr. Potter on the matter of erasure of numbers, and said he and his colleague accepted all three grounds submitted in the petition as forming a basis for leave to appeal, and he and his colleague granted these petitions.

COAL MINE FATALITY.

LIVE WIRE ROUND A COLLIERY.

SIR E. MARSHAL HALL SAYS PROPAGANDA CASE.

STRIKE INCIDENT.

Messrs. Cory Brothers & Co., Ltd., collery proprietors, of Cardiff (for whom the secretary, Mr. Thomas Longton Griffiths, answered the summons), Thomas Hardee, a shift engineer, Temple Davies, a power engineer, and Robert Illingworth, an electrical engineer, were at Bridgend, Glamorgan, committed for trial at the assizes on the following charges:—

(1) Having set or caused to be set a mantrap or other engine calculated to destroy human life or inflict grievous bodily harm at Ogmore Vale on August 24th last, and

(2) The manslaughter of Brynmor Edward John, aged eighteen assistant collier, of Ogmore Vale, on that date.

Bail was allowed in each case—£25 in their own recognisances.

The prosecution alleged that John was electrocuted by a live wire elected by Messrs. Cory to protect their premises during the coal strike.

Evidence was given by Sir Bernard Spilsbury, the famius pathologist, and an electrical expert.

Mr. Artemus Jones, K.C., was for the prosecution, and Sir Edward Marshall-Hall, K.C., appeared both for the colliery company and for the three officials.

Sixty-three Volts.

The electric expert, Mr. Edward May Munro, of London, said that the switching on or off of the current through the wire fence was done by means of a plug. One hundred and ten volts was the normal voltage of the circuit, but as it was only connected to one bar less than sixty-two or sixty-three volts could be obtained.

Questioned by Mr. Jones, Mr. Munro said that the fact that it was raining at the time would be favourable to the body making good contact with earth and allow more current to pass through the body. The corrugated iron sheet on which John fell when grabbing hold on one of the wires would lower his resistance to the current.

Cross-examined by Sir Edward Marshall-Hall, Mr. Munro said the current passing through the wire fence would very likely be 45 volts.

Sir Edward: Do you know of any case where 45 volts would cause death?—I have heard of it.

Can you understand how three dogs which were said to be chasing a rat at the time could get through the wire fence without being killed or hurt sufficiently to scream if contact with the fence would kill a boy?—If a dog jumped through the fence and was clear of the ground it would not be hurt even if it touched the wires.

Would not the dogs then have screamed if they had not been killed?—Well, I know something of terriers. They don't scream much, and they are very fond of jumping.

Heart Failure.

Sir Bernard Spilsbury, in his evidence, said: "The cause of death in my opinion was heart failure, due to the passage of an electric current through the body.

"We are not in a position to say from the record of fatal accidents what the minimum fatal dose of electricity is. Electrocution with very low voltage currents is comparatively rare. I have read of authenticated cases of fatal electrocution at sixty-two volts—one in Austria and one in this country—and another recently reported case in Italy, where the voltage was forty-six."

Sir Edward, cross-examining, asked: "In ordinary circumstances there is no danger to life from a current of sixtyfive volts?"

Sir Bernard: I personally should not mind handling such a current if my hands were dry and if I were standing on dry ground.

Unfortunate.

Might I sum up your evidence thus: If death resulted from the electrical discharge, it is a very exceptional and unfortunate circumstance?—Yes.

Sir Edward Marshall-Hall, addressing the Bench for the defence, said the case involved a far-reaching question of public rights. He had never heard before of a prosecution for manslaughter being taken by a private individual. There was no prosecution by any Government department, and it was a little difficult to understand the reason for the prosecution by the dead boy's brother.

"If it is for the purpose of subsequent proceedings," said Sir Edward, "I trust this Bench will not lend itself to anything of that kind."

Sir Edward suggested that one of the motives at the back of the case was propaganda. "Thank God," he said, "we are not all Communists yet. The big majority of the working class, on whom we all rely, are not Communists."

The magistrates having announced their decision to send the cases for trial, formal pleas of "Not guilty" were entered in each instance. No evidence for the defence was given.

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SOVIET REVENUE FOR REVOLT.

Another serious peasant rising occurred in the Ostrov and Pskov districts, near the Latvian border, and punitive expeditions sent from Petrograd burned 15 villages. The revolt, according to refugees who have crossed the Latvian border, was caused by an attempt to collect the grain tax. The tax-collecting expeditions met with a bloody fate at the hands of the peasants, who are now being executed or sent to Siberia.

On a charge of organising a general strike among the workers of Sebastopol, four Labour leaders, who are members of the Social-Revolutionary Party, which opposes the Bolsheviks, have been executed without trial by the Crimean Cheka (Soviet secret police), according to the Moscow *Investya*. The announcement of their deaths caused riots in Sebastopol and other Crimean towns.

Because of the serious shortage of foodstuffs in the Russian cities labour troubles continue to increase, and the Cheka is taking desperate measures to prevent strikes.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG.

PROBATE JURISDICTION.

IN THE GOODS OF CHARLES WILLIAM HAY, LATE OF ASHURST WOOD HOUSE, EAST GRINSTEAD, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, GENTLEMAN, DECEASED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has, by virtue of the provisions of Section 58 of Ordinance No. 2 of 1897, made An Order Limiting the Time for Creditors and Others to Send in their Claims against the above Estate to the 12TH DAY OF MARCH, 1927.

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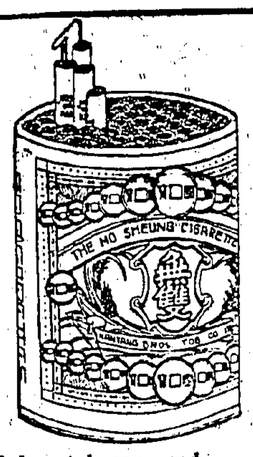

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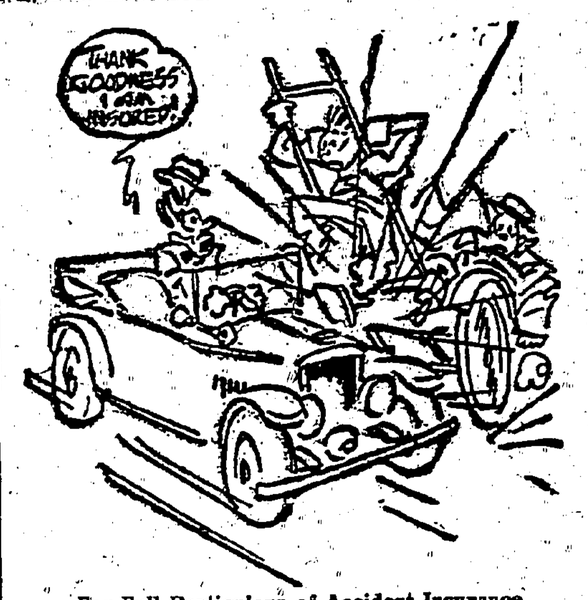

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KOWLOON WEDDING.

PETHERICK—HAST.

PRETTY CEREMONY AT ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.

There was a very pretty wedding at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, yesterday afternoon, between Mr. Vivian Petherick, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Petherick, Burnham-on-Sea, Somerset, and Miss Cissie Lilian Mary Hast, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hast, No. 5, Cox's Path, Kowloon.

The Rev. G. R. Lindsay (Vicar of St. Andrew's) officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her father, looked charming in a frock of white satin charmeuse with an overdress of white georgette, embroidered and beaded with silver beads. The train was of white satin and beaded georgette. She also wore a veil and coronet of orange blossom, and carried a bouquet of white roses and sweet peas.

The bride was attended by Miss Annie Tollan and Miss Patricia who wore dresses of pale pink satin and georgette, trimmed with silver lace. They also wore silver shoes and wreaths of silver leaves; while their bouquets were of pale pink sweet peas.

Mr. F. G. Samways was "best man."

The service was fully choral, the hymns being "The Voice that breathed o'er Eden," and "O Perfect Love."

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, and later Mr. and Mrs. Petherick left for the Repulse Bay Hotel, prior to leaving for Home to-day on the P. & O. s.s. *Kalyan*. The bride's travelling dress was of pale grey "Suedena" ensemble, trimmed with Princess Mary blue and hat and shoes to match.

The Presents.

The bride's gift to the bridegroom was a pocket wallet with gold monogram.

That of the bridegroom to the bride was a silver toilet set and to the bridesmaids, gold named brooches.

Among other presents received were the following:—

Bride's mother and father, cheque for household linen; Victor and Mabel, tea service; bridegroom's mother and father, cheque; bridegroom's brother and sister, cheque; Mr. F. G. Samways, cheque for silver tea service; Mr. W. C. Excell, silk embroidered lacquered screen; Mr. and Mrs. Parker, pyrex and silver cassarole dish; Patsy and Billy Parker, silver pepper pot; Miss P. Jones, jersey silver milk jug and silver cake stand; Mr. H. Curtis, s.s. *Hinsang*, English silver asparagus dish with sauce boat and servers; Mr. C. H. Burns, silver inkstand; Mr. J. Wilson (Sandakan), English silver nut dish with crackers; Mr. J. Arnold, Mr. T. Arnold, English silver cruet sets; Mr. G. E. Elfams, English silver cruet sets; Mr. and Mrs. A. Andrews, English silver cake dish with d'oiley; Mrs. and Miss Angus, silver butterdish; Mr. and Mrs. E. Abraham, English silver epergn with sweet dishes; Mr. and Mrs. Burton and Miss Scott, English silver cruet set; Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Forbes, silver vases; Mr. and Mrs. W. Goldenberg, jade and gilt tea knives and forks; Mr. A. Harvey (Harbour Office), set of carvers; Mr. D. Harvey, Junr., silver cream jug; Capt. and Mrs. Harley, silver spoons; Mr. and Mrs. Hanlon, English silver sardine dish; Mr. H. Houchen, linen; Miss B. Hirst, silver sweet dishes; Mr. G. R. Holloway, travelling clock; Mr. and Mrs. Ingram, tea service; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lyon and family, English silver nut cracker set; Mr. and Mrs. A. Lang, linen tea cloth and serviettes; Mr. and Mrs. P. Lannigan, silver frame; Mr. F. Lenfesty, silver frame; Miss W. Lawson, silver tea strainer; Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Laurence, cut glass jam jar; Rev. and Mrs. G. R. Lindsay, lacquer trinket box; Mrs. N. S. Moses and family, silver spoons; Mr. and Mrs. B. Maughan, English silver fruit dish; Mr. R. McKellar, silver vases; Mr. and Mrs. D. Mair, blackwood table lamp; Mrs. J. H. Oxberry, silver epergn; Mothers' Union Committee, travelling rug; Mr. E. Neaves, ladies' and gent's fitted dressing case; Mr. and Mrs. S. Nelson, linen table centre; Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Nightingale, sweet dish; Mr. C. D. Nicholls, silver vases; Mr. G. Puncheon, linen tea cloth and serviettes; Mr. P. Plage, English silver tea forks; Mr. and Mrs. J. Ramsay and family, English silver entree dishes; Mrs. Roy, cushions; Mr. and Mrs. J. Rodgers, Junr., silver pieces; Miss J. Spradbury, silver vases; Mr. and Mrs. Turbyne, silver rose bowl; Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Wodehouse, linen table cloth; Mr. and Mrs. White, English silver sweet dish; Misses E. and M. Woolley, English silver apostle spoons; Mr. and Mrs. Forsythe, cut glass and silver salad bowl and servers;; Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Perry, silver sweet dishes; Mr. Chilmaid, silver mounted jam jar; Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Pinguet, lace tea cosy cover; Mr. Eastman, English silver nut bowl and crackers; Mr. and Mrs. Roskruge, silver spoons and serviette rings; Miss K. Murphy, silver vases; Mr. C. Temlett, English silver fruit knives and forks; Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Sayer, lacquer vases; Mrs. Smith, Miss Smith and Miss B. Smith, mother of pearl and silver butter dishes; Mr. Schofield, travelling clock; Capt. and Mrs. T. Grant, English silver fruit dish; Capt. and Mrs. Thompson, silver buter dish; Mr. P. Slipper, cut glass scent bottle; Mr. and Mrs. Furguson, pair cut glass scent bottles; Mr. and Mrs. D. Tollan and family, egg shell china tea service; Mr. E. Spradbury, silver fish finives and forks; Mr. and Mrs. Todd, silver scent bottle; Mr. Eastman, silver nut dish and crackers; Mr. and Mrs. Boas, silk and cigarette case.

Many other presents were received.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1927.

$215,097 VOTED.

A meeting of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council was held in the Council Chamber yesterday morning when H.E. the Governor's message No. 1, giving items of supplementary expenditure Nos. 1 to 8 of 1927, was considered.

The amounts, totalling $215,097, were approved.

The Colonial Secretary presided and those present included:—The Colonial Treasurer (Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer, O.B.E.), Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy (Director of Public Works), Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, LL.D., C.M.G., Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird.

With respect to the re-vote of $8,050 required to complete the building for the magnetic instruments at Au Tau, New Territories, Sir Henry Pollock asked for what purpose the magnetic instruments were required and why it was necessary to put them so far from the Observatory as Au Tau.

The DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS: I am afraid I cannot answer that question. The site was selected by the Director of the Observatory. The instruments are entirely in his charge.

The CHAIRMAN: The matter has been before the Council before. The whole of the technical details are given on the file dealing with the matter.

Sir HENRY POLLOCK: Does it appear that it is necessary to go as far out as Au Tau?

The CHAIRMAN: Oh yes. The site was specially selected. The site has to be one which is not under magnetic influences in any way. The buildings could not be erected near any iron works for example.

CHINESE Y.M.C.A.

REVISION IN THE CONSTITUTION.

The Constitution of the Chinese Young Man's Christian Association of Hong Kong is being revised in accordance with the Colony's legislation with regard to corporations. At an extraordinary general meeting with Dr. Chau Wei Cheung, President of the Association, in the chair.

A clear statement was made of the general policy of the Association, which is that the Association shall be developed, according to Christian principles, among young men of Christian character and imbued with the spirit of social service. The Association will allow within its premises any political activities.

Members must be Chinese Christians above 18 years old whose application is accepted by a membership committee.

A board of directors elected by the members will constitute the governing body.

A revision of the Constitution has been necessary for the Association to be registered as a Hong Kong corporation able to hold property and transact legal business.

The Hong Kong Y.M.C.A. came into existence before the Chinese Republic and some of the articles of the Constitution then adopted require alteration.

It is understood that the Association will be incorporated according to the revised Articles of Association.

BOAT WOMEN CONVICTED.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF ARMS.

AN $8 FARE.

Much interest was taken by the native sampan people at the case heard yesterday afternoon at the Kowloon Magistracy, when two sampan women were charged with being found in possession of arms and ammunition, contrary to the laws of the Colony. The case was heard before Mr. T. W. Ainsworth, and Chief Preventive Officer Clarke, who made the arrests, prosecuted. The Court room was packed.

The first defendant was charged with being in unlawful possession of 4 revolvers and 700 rounds of ammunition, while the second was charged with unlawful possession of 12,000 rounds of ammunition.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ appeared for the first defendant.

Opening the case against the first defendant, Mr. Clarke said that while on duty on Sunday night, he searched a sampan and found concealed in the bottom of the boat a bag containing 4 Mauser pistols, 4 magazines and 700 rounds of pistol ammunition. They were all new and good class material and were, therefore, dangerous weapons. He then arrested the mistress of the sampan, who made a statement at his office later that she had no knowledge of the contents of the bag which she declared was not her property. She added that a man whom she conveyed ashore as a passenger left the bag in her sampan. He paid her $8.

Mr. Russ for the defence contended that it was quite believable that defendant was unaware of the contents of the bag. She had been in the Colony all her life time and had never been in trouble before in any offence against the law. He asked his Worship to take a lenient view of her case.

His Worship thought otherwise and remarked that the defendant must have known that the bag contained arms and ammunition otherwise she would not have been offered as big a sum as $8 by her passenger. He sentenced her to six months' hard labour and the arms and ammunition were ordered to be confiscated.

Offences too Frequent.

In the second case, the defendant's boat was searched by Mr. Clarke at 8.30 p.m. on the same night and 12,000 rounds of ammunition were discovered. She made the same defence as the first defendant, saying that she was carrying five bags for a passenger and did not know the contents.

His Worship also sentenced her to six months' imprisonment with hard labour and confiscated the ammunition.

In both cases, Chief Preventive Officer Clarke stated that the Captain Superintendent of Police took a serious view of the matter as such cases were becoming frequent of late. He pressed for imprisonment without the option of a fine against both defendants.

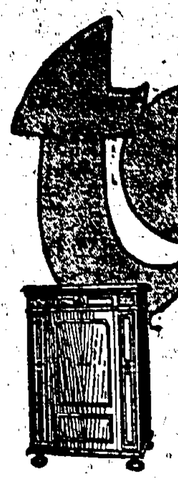
THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.

CELEBRATION OF ADYAR DAY.

At Thursday's public meeting of the Hong Kong Theosophical Society its annual "Adyar Day" was celebrated, in honour of Giordano Bruno and Bishop C. W. Leadbeater. Mr. John Russell, the Chairman, said that February 17th was celebrated all over the world by T.S. Lodges.

Mr. H. E. Lanepart, who spoke on "Giordano Bruno, Theosophy's Apostle in the 16th Century." He said that three centuries and more have rolled away since Giordano Bruno, whom Hegel called "a comet that flashed across Europe," came as a torchbearer of Light to a Western World, stifled in superstition and spiritual darkness. With a soul aflame with Truth and Divinity he rekindled the Science of the Spirit. But the world, in the grip of fanaticism, welcomed him with persecution, excommunication, the dungeon, and death at the stave. Had Christianity accepted his message, the bitter conflict waged from the sixteenth to the nineteenth century between religion and science would never have broken out then burned his body to ashes, and scattered the ashes to the winds, which carried them as seeds of Truth over Europe. His voice, though dead, is now echoing around us, and his thoughts are eagerly being accepted to-day. Let us go back in history to the sixteenth century. In all Western countries the Hebraic cosmology and the teachings of Aristotle, which killed science, dominated the world of thought, tyrannising equally over Rome and Calvin. To challenge Aristotle was as heretical as to challenge canonical.

Science for Bruno was a religion, fruitful and inspired. He loved Science, was its apostle and became its martyr. For him true Science meant Occultism the study of the Divine Mind in Nature, the study of Divine Ideas embodied in material objects.



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THE HEALTH WEEK.

OPENING THIS EVENING AT CHINESE Y.M.C.A.

The Health Week programme begins this evening at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. under the joint auspices of the China Medical Association (Hong Kong Branch) and the Y.M.C.A. Many have already applied for the medical examination which is to be given, free of charge, by some of the leading Chinese practitioners of Western medicine. Many boys, in particular, are wanting expert opinion on their physique.

The proceedings will be opened by Sir Shouson Chow and Dr. R. H. Kotewall. The former will preside, and Dr. Kotewall will deliver the inaugural speech.

PROPERTY SALES.

ONE WITHDRAWN AND ONE POSTPONED.

There were to have been two property sales yesterday afternoon, but neither was completed.

At the China Auction Rooms, Mr. E. V. M. R. de Fousa, by order of the mortgagees, offered for auction a leasehold property known as the Chung Kwok Restaurant. This property has a total area of 14,652 square feet, and it is held under a Crown lease for the term of 988 years. The Crown rent payable is $37.16 per annum.

The upset price was $450,000, but as there was no advance on this figure, the property was withdrawn

At Lammert's.

At Messrs. Lammert Brothers sales room No. 11 and No. 12, Peace Avenue, Ho Mun Tin, Yaumati were to have been offered in two separate lots.

This property consists of two bungalows, each having four large rooms, two enclosed verandah sitting rooms, two bath rooms, three servants rooms, two kitchens, etc.

The total area is 10,860 square effect, and each house has an area of about 2,930 square feet. The Crown rent is $66 for the two per annum.

The sale was postponed until Wednesday.

ITALIAN CONVENT.

PITMAN'S SHORTHAND RESULTS.

The results of Pitman's shorthand examinations, held last term, are as follows:—

Speed.—(100 words a minute): Misses Carolina Ribeiro, Celeste Gill, Matilde Pereira, Albertina Garcia, Maria Ozorio Lopes, Kimy Baretto, Olga Remedios. (80 words a minute: Misses Betty Baker, Esther Carvalho, Zena Laihovetsky, Agnes Dillon. (60 words a minute): Misses Winnie Lo, Doris Dillon, Christina Allison, Lily Williams, Nellie Chenalloy, Winifred Kew, Nettie Thorburn, Eileen Donald, Molly Franco.

Theory.—Misses Astri Larssen, Mary Oliver, Winifred Low, Jeanne Baker, Emilia Carvalho, Eileen Donald, Nettie Thorburn.

"TEXACOAT."

THE LEAKY HOUSE AT HO MUN TIN.

HEARING CONCLUDED: JUDGMENT RESERVED.

The hearing of the case in which the Texas Company, Queen's Building, Chater Road, sued Mr. A. J. Lane, Civil Engineer and Architect, for $145, which they claim is due to them for work done and material supplied in treating Canton tiles at No. 4, Liberty Avenue, Ho Mun Tin, with "Texacoat," their waterproofing preparation, was concluded at the Summary Court yesterday afternoon, before the acting Puisne Judge (Mr. J. H. B. Nihill).

On Thursday afternoon his Lordship adjourned the case in order to pay a personal visit of inspection to the house in question.

Yesterday, Mr. F. G. Vaux (of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist) who appeared for the defendant, submitted that his client had relied entirely on the Texas Company to make a thoroughly satisfactory roofing job. He asked his Lordship to presume that unless otherwise proved the roof let in water, and he asked his Lordship to say that Mr. Scott (manager of the Texas Company in Hong Kong) had not fulfilled the contract.

Replying, Mr. H. J. Armstrong (of Messrs. Deacons) for the plaintiffs, submitted that it was due to the faulty construction of the house that it leaked. It was not the fault of "Texacoat," but the defendant had not revealed his suspicions of bad mortar under the tiles to the plaintiffs in the first place, and therefore certain information that should have been within the plaintiffs' knowledge had been withheld. The work, he claimed, had been carried out in a proper and workmanlike manner by the Texas Co., and this was all that could be required under the contract.

His Lordship reserved judgment.

MR. McNEILL LEAVING FOR HOME.

AFTER 44 YEARS IN HONG KONG.

After 44 years in the Colony, Mr. McNeill, popularly known as "Faither," leaves Hong Kong for Home to-day by the P. & O. s.s. *Kalyan*.

Mr. McNeill is one of Hong Kong's oldest foreign residents, first coming here in 1883, when he was an engineer in the P. & O. Company. Later, he joined Messrs. Butterfield & Swire and after several years afloat he was appointed an engineer at the Taikoo sugar works. This was in 1894. For 27 years, Mr. McNeill worked at Taikoo, retiring in 1921, when he went Home after many well-deserved valedictories. Mr. McNeill returned here in 1922, since when he has lived intermittently at Shanghai and Hong Kong. He is now passing through Hong Kong from Shanghai on his way Home "for good."

MERCHANTS' RIGHTS

THEIR "DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE."

FEELING AGAINST EXTREMISTS GROWING STRONGER.

RESENTMENT OF OLD TIME OFFICIALS.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

On Wednesday and Thursday the Kuomintang members in Canton celebrated the "capture" of Shanghai for the third time since the beginning of the Chinese New Year.

If the wiser counsels now being urged in Canton prevail it will mean that four new divisions of local troops will be armed and trained to replace the irregular and inefficient 5th Corps now stationed at Honam; that the more obnoxious labour unions will be dissolved in order to afford the merchants willing to submit to Kuomintang policy, a breathing space; and that the large group of unemployed in the City will be given an opportunity to seek for work on the proposed Whampoa Port Development project and road construction.

On February 17th some of the less timid merchants in Canton persuaded many of their colleagues to sign the following declaration concerning the rights of employers towards their employees:

1. Employers reserve the right to appoint or dismiss an employee. The end of a contract fulfilled by time is considered a sufficient cause of dismissal, this being at the end of a month when on a monthly contract, or the end of a year, when on a yearly contract. No compensation will be given for non-employment, when advance notice to terminate a contract has been tendered. On the second day of the New Year, an employer may notify who is to remain for the ensuing year. An assistant dismissed may remain with his former employer, room and board free, until the 7th day. An employer desiring to dismiss an employee who is on a monthly basis shall advise his intention to terminate his employee's service three days before the end of the month. Guilds having different systems of employment to those mentioned above may be required to give five days' notice before the termination of an engagement. No notice is required in the case of workers employed on a daily basis.

2. The practice of labour unions of exacting a bonus or commission from employers or from any third party dealing with the employers and employees of a firm or factory is condemned and will not be tolerated in the future.

3. All merchants shall have full liberty to extend or retrench their operations and no employee must interfere.

4. Merchants who have been bound by special agreements, signed under duress, should apply to the Kuomintang special Board of Arbitration for relief and free themselves from unequal contracts.

5. Any misunderstanding arising out of agreements made between employers and employees or out of the foregoing declarations should be referred to the Board of Arbitration for settlement.

The Canton Police and the Military have removed all Red flags and union pickets placed in front of the 800 shops and factories against which employees' unions have declared a blockade, but they have not been able to prevent pickets from re-entering some of the shops and factories.

The struggle between the merchants and the workers over this question of rights and privileges is being watched with considerable interest.

Complaints are being heard against so many administrative posts being occupied by the members of the late Dr. Sun Yat Sen's family. The appointment of Dr. Hsiang Hsi Kung (H. H. Kung), husband of a sister of Madame of Sun Yat Sen, as Commissioner of Kwangtung Finance and Minister of Kuomintang Industry with a temporary office at Canton does not appear to be welcomed and even before his formal assumption of the post of Finance Commissioner, he was asked how he would raise the $800,000 needed for the local military expenses every month in Canton. The prevailing idea appears to be that the Kwangtung Finance Commissioner must be in full co-operation with the local militarists for whom he is really the money collector.

Some Kuomintang officials in Canton who have held their positions since the time of the Manchu Dynasty days are now finding themselves in a very uncomfortable situation, and this, it is said, has

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CORRESPONDENCE.

PUBLIC HEALTH.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—There are two points in H.E. the Governor's speech at the British Medical Association Dinner on which a few comments may be permitted.

About twenty years ago, Sir Matthew Nathan, the then Governor, realized the importance of teaching hygiene in the local schools and, to stimulate interest in the subject, offered prizes competed for annually by all the boys and girls of the Colony. During his tenure of office, this subject was compulsory in the curriculum of the schools. For reasons which I have no means to ascertain, this subject was dropped and nothing further was heard of it. As a product of Queen's College, I can testify to the usefulness of the knowledge of hygiene I obtained while in school. The undertaking of His Excellency to "revive" this subject is gratifying and I venture to suggest that it be made compulsory in certain classes for some years to come. To my mind, the possibility of future interference with its continuance in the school curriculum should engage the attention of the Governor.

I am also in agreement with His Excellency in his opinion that co-operation with the Chinese community is necessary to the attainment of better public health and that propaganda is necessary. In the streets of Hong Kong, I see Shanghai—imported posters in Chinese comparing the "maloo" to a tiger's mouth and that one must not walk in the centre of the "maloo." The sight of this poster reminds me of another posted gratis in the Shanghai trams, the gist of which is that tuberculosis is the arch-enemy of men and that spitting in public places is responsible for the spread of this disease. The Chinese Medical Association is also a live organization and must be alive to the value of propaganda. It is my opinion that should the doctors in our midst take the lead in launching an Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis, many laymen will be pleased to co-operate, thereby attaining another step towards better public health.—Yours, etc.,

RESIDENT.

Hong Kong, February 18th, 1927.

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been responsible to no little extent for a gradual change of policy towards the workers. Nowadays, even in the Kuomintang administrative offices, the workers—janitors and messengers, cooks and "boys"—have their own unions, and they regard the higher officials as workers for the Kuomintang like themselves, all comrades in the same party.

Walls and Watch Towers.

The Kuomintang press in Canton are publishing statements to the effect that the Kuomintang Army Headquarters are considering the erection of fortifications—walls and watch towers—along the Chinese-British borders at Shumchun!

Beginning in May, 1927, the Kwangtung Administration have ordered the Provincial Commissioner of Finance to apportion $100,000 monthly towards the Whampoa Port Development project. Mr. Lam Yat Man, retiring Commissioner of Public Works of the Canton Municipality, will probably be appointed engineer in charge of the development scheme, in place of Mr. Henry Aki Panhoe, who is to change place with Mr. Lam.

It is stated that as the American authorities in charge of the John G. Kerr Hospital for the Insane at Fontsuen, Canton, have decided to close the institution owing to labour troubles, the Canton Municipality will open an asylum.

The Canton City Merchants Association is asking all shops which have been closed owing to since labour troubles to re-open. The Association is understood to have been assured by the Kuomintang leaders that police protection will be given to all merchants who will resume business at once.

The reason why it often takes a letter nine days to go from Canton to Hong Kong has been explained in a long statement by the Chinese Postmen's Union of Canton. It is said that since the opening of the Kuomintang propaganda bureau in Canton so many circulars and so great a mass of party literature go through the Post Office, whose staff has not been increased that the works is all behind hand. Many New Year greeting cards posted before the Chinese New Year have not yet been delivered.

SEDITIOUS LITERATURE.

SHANGHAI AGITATOR SENTENCED.

LOCAL CHINESE SEAMEN'S UNION OFFICIALS BOUND OVER.

LYING ANTI-BRITISH PROPAGANDA.

There was a large crowd of Chinese seamen and a number of prominent local residents at the Central Magistracy yesterday morning, when the three Chinese who were charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell with possession of seditious literature appeared on remand before the Court to receive their sentence.

The Hon. Mr. E. D. O. Wolfe, Captain Superintendent of Police, sat beside Mr. T. H. King, Director of Criminal Intelligence, who prosecuted on behalf of the Crown.

It will be recalled that the three defendants were arrested in the crew's quarters on the *President Taft* for having in their possession anti-British and seditious periodicals, called the *Chinese Seaman* and were charged with possessing, uttering, and distributing the periodicals.

At the previous hearing, Mr. Lindsell called attention to the gross impropriety of a letter he received from the Seamen's Union stating the men were innocent and asking for their release.

The President of the Union.

Fong Wing Woon, President of the Union, at the request of the three defendants, was called to the witness-box, and addressing him, Mr. Lindsell said:—

I have to explain to you the high impropriety of the letter which you have written to the Magistrate. If you wanted to say anything, you should have come to the Court yourself and not written a letter. I must further warn you that you need not say anything in the case which will lead you to incriminate yourself.

Witness said he was the President of the Hong Kong branch of the Canton Seamen's Union, and he knew the three defendants. They were members of the Union, and their duties were to go on board ships and collect subscriptions. The first and second defendants had been in Hong Kong for three months or more. The third man came here from Shanghai, and had been in the Colony for only eight days when he was arrested.

Periodical's Purpose.

When asked about the periodical, witness said, it had been in existence since the establishment of the Union. Any member of the Union could send in matter for publication. Contributions were received from various parts of the world. The purpose of the periodical was to keep the members informed as to what was going on.

Propagandist Lies.

Mr. Lindsell: What about the heading of the article: "England Again Resorts to Massacre?"

Witness said that article was not put in as anti-British. The matter published related to facts.

Mr. Lindsell: They are all lies, not facts.

Referring to an incident on the Yangtsze, witness said that the military aimed their guns at innocent people, and the Union hoped that the same course would not be followed in future.

Mr. Lindsell: Have you anything else to say?

Witness replied that he wanted to show that they did not publish these matter specially for the purpose of attacking the British. Taking one instance, he said the s.s. *Kwong Wing* belonging to the China Navigation Company, was commandeered by Marshal Sun Chuan Fang at Shanghai for the purpose of transporting troops. Their branch Unions in Shanghai sent a protest to Marshal Sun, because they regarded it as a movement to kill innocent people.

Mr. Lindsell: That does not refer to the case very much.—Witness: I want to show that we criticise everybody.

Mr. Lindsell: There is no need to elaborate that point. I am satisfied that you criticised someone else.

Cross-examined by Mr. T. H. King, witness said he resides at the Union quarters in Hong Kong.

Mr. King: How long have you been in Hong Kong this time?—About four months.

Mr. King: Where did you originally join the Union?—In Hong Kong.

Mr. King: What year did you join?—The same year it was opened. In 1921.

Mr. King: How many years did you live in Hong Kong before that?—About seven or eight years.

Mr. King: Is the third defendant a member of the Hong Kong Branch?—No, he joined in Shanghai.

Mr. King: How many members has the Hong Kong Branch?—About 10,000.

Mr. King: Is there any special reason in choosing the third defendant, a new-comer from Shanghai, as "Intercourse Officer"?—There wasn't any special reason, but it was necessary to have a man who understands the conditions of seafaring life.

When asked by the Court, if he had any question to put to the witness, the third defendant said the articles, complained of were only reproductions from the newspapers of the world, but as the periodical is published in Canton, the articles therein contained are regarded as the truth by all members. And as regard the term 'Imperialism,' why, this has become a house-hold word; even a child of 6 or 7 years knows it."

The Members' Opinion.

Continuing, defendant said that the members of the Union did not consider the articles against the law. He also wanted to be clearly understood that he requested the President of the Union to appear in Court and that the President was not ordered by the Police to do so. Defendant further added that at the time when he was distributing the literature, he did not realise that it was against the law to do so. "And I might again reiterate that the articles complained of are not anti-British, and as I have been very uneasy since our detention, I would now asked to be promptly dismissed."

Addressing the Court, Mr. King said that the case was a clear one. The No. 3 defendant was the principal, and it might be safely surmised that he was sent down specially from Shanghai for the purpose of stirring up anti-British feeling. The defendants when they were arrested on board had two despatch cases, one of which contained blank membership cards, and the other was full of seditious, periodicals and other pamphlets. "Now had their mission only been to collect membership dues and to recruit new members at the time, as they said, why did not the bag contain membership cards, etc. The Police officers found seditious literatures scattered all over the place and the third defendant was addressing the others in the cabin in a most eloquent manner. Mr. King further added that it was quite clear that the defendants were stirring up anti-British feelings. It might be argued that they were also there to recruit new members for the Union, but their chief object was to rouse hatred against the British.

In passing sentence, Mr. Lindsell said it was a difficult case, as it was not clear that the defendants were sedition-mongers in the ordinary sense. It was not certain that they had anti-British feeling. They might have been carrying on their ordinary duties as Union officials. Probably the first and second defendants were not aware of the extent of their guilt, but every man must be assumed to be responsible for his own actions. There had undoubtedly been a breach of the law. In the case of the first and second defendants, it appeared they were uneducated, or only partly educated, and therefore he would bind them over in their personal bond of $100 each. No 3 was educated and the principal of the three, and he admitted that he had read the article. The distribution of that sort of article might be tolerated elsewhere, but not in a British Colony. The third man would be sent to prison for three months with hard labour, without the option of a fine.

TEARFUL COMPLAINANT.

SCUFFLE IN ON S.S. "HAI CHING" CABIN.

WANTS $1,000 DAMAGES.

BOTH PARTIES BOUND OVER.

Mr. Schofield's Court at the Central Magistracy yesterday was crowded, when a charge of assault was brought by Sybil Joseph, against Mr. A. M. Scott, of the s.s. *Hai Ching*.

Mr. G. R. Haywood appeared on behalf of the complainant, and Mr. H. J. Armstrong defended.

Outlining the case Mr. Haywood explained that it was one of common assault. On the day in question the complainant went to the defendant's cabin on the *Hai Ching*. The defendant sprang out of bed and forcibly ejected her, breaking her wrist watch and causing severe injuries to various parts of her body. The complainant would narrate in the witness-box exactly what occurred and could produce a doctor's certificate.

Mr. Armstrong: I don't think that will be necessary. This is a simple case of assault, and we plead "guilty" to a purely technical offence. The complainant was ejected with no more force than was necessary. Unfortunately, for her, she refused to leave the room, putting her foot to the doorway. That caused the injuries to her legs.

Continuing, Mr. Armstrong said that the complainant had been warned not to go on board the *Hai Ching* and by so doing put herself in a position of being liable to be sommonsed for trespass. Mr. Armstrong suggested that the case be dismissed, or a nominal fine be imposed and that both parties be bound over to keep the peace for a year.

Mr. Schofield (to Mr. Haywood): Apart from this medical examination, has your client been to a doctor about the matter for treatment?

Complainant interrupted remarking with tears, that she went to a Chinese doctor. "I still have one or two bruises on my foot. I did not put my foot in the doorway. He is telling a lie."

Mr. Haywood replied that she went to see Dr. Newton, and he gave her a certificate. If his Worship would like to hear the complainant herself as to what really happened in the cabin, she was entitled to be heard. He did not know if she was satisfied with the suggestion put forward by Mr. Armstrong, with regard to the technical offence. It was very easy for him to plead guilty to a technical offence and not allow the complainant to tell her story. This was a nice way of getting out of a difficult situation. As far as he was personally concerned, he would be satisfied, but he did not know whether his client would be.

Mr. Armstrong: The defendant has been pestered by this woman for the past three years. He is willing to agree to an order that they both be bound over.

Mr. Schofield: What about costs?

Mr. Armstrong said that costs did not arise in an action such as that before the Court.

Mr. Armstrong intimated that if evidence was heard he would require the attendance of Dr. Newton.

Complainant's Outburst.

Complainant then told the Magistrate that she had been sick for two weeks. Turning to the defendant she said, amid an outburst of tears, "I've been a mother to you Scott, and yet you raised your hands on me."

Mr. Haywood: My client says that she wants to go into the witness-box and tell your Worship the full story.

His Worship asked Mr. Haywood whether he would be satisfied with Mr. Armstrong's suggestion.

Mr. Haywood said that she could, of course, take the matter to the Summary Court if she wanted to recover damages.

Breach of Promise?

Complainant: Can I sue him for breach of promise?

Mr. Armstrong said that his client was prepared to offer the complainant $10 for her doctor's fee.

Complainant: I wouldn't accept $500. I want $1,000 at least.

Mr. Haywood said that his client had asked him to put in a number of letters written by the defendant.

Mr. Armstrong said he objected.

Complainant: You can't object. Give them to the judge at once.

Mr. Armstrong: I must register a formal objection to your Worship receiving them before my client knows what they are.

Compainant continued to sob bitterly throughout the discussion.

Mr. Armstrong's Request.

Mr. Armstrong: I think your Worship might ask the complainant to cease her tirade.

Mr. Schofield: What sum do you suggest for the bond?

Complainant: I won't be bound over. You can send me to the lunatic asylum if you like, but I won't be bound over.

Mr. Haywood said that it was just as well that the proceedings had been brought, as it was highly

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desirable that the trouble should be put an end to.

His Worship: If the facts are as stated, I think it will suffice if both parties are bound over for twelve months.

An Asylum Suggested.

Complainant: What law is there in a British Colony that allows a man to beat a woman black and blue? Send me to the asylum if you like.

A series of epithets from the complainant drew from Mr. Armstrong a request that the complainant should be removed from Court.

Ordering the complainant to leave the Court, his Worship made an order that both parties should be bound over for one year in personal bonds of $100 each.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE 1911-1925.

IN THE MATTER OF THE CHINA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION).

No. 1 of 1923.

A FINAL DIVIDEND is intended to be Declared in the Matter of the CHINA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED (in Compulsory Liquidation)

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INTIMATIONS.

NOTICE.

THE SEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the KOWLOON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION will be held in the ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH HALL, KOWLOON, on MONDAY, 21ST FEBRUARY, 1927, at 6 P.M.

BUSINESS:—Adoption of Report and Accounts for the Year 1926.
Election of Officers and Committee for 1927.
ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

The presence at the Meeting of all interested in the welfare of Kowloon is solicited and expected, whether they are Members of the Association or Not.

F. W. STAPLETON,
Acting Hon. Secretary.
Hong Kong, February 16th, 1927. [4567

THE HONG KONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 4a, DES VŒUX ROAD, on TUESDAY, 22ND FEBRUARY, 1927, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 9TH FEBRUARY, to TUESDAY, 22ND FEBRUARY, 1927, both days inclusive, during which Period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
JOHN ARNOLD.
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 27th January, 1927. [4486

THE HONG KONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTIETH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LTD., on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH, 1927, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the Year ended DECEMBER 31st, 1926.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH, 1927, to THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH, 1927, BOTH DAYS INCLUSIVE.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
F. H. CRAPNELL,
Acting Secretary.
Hong Kong, February 5th, 1927. [4515

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at CITY HALL, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 26TH FEBRUARY, 1927, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st DECEMBER, 1926.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the CORPORATION will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 14TH FEBRUARY, to SATURDAY, the 26TH FEBRUARY, 1927 (both days inclusive) during which Period No Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
A. H. BARLOW,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 7th February, 1927. [4524

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Company's Offices, P. & O. BUILDING, on SATURDAY, 5TH MARCH, 1927, at 11 A.M., for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st DECEMBER, 1926, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 21ST FEBRUARY to 5TH MARCH, 1927, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., LTD.
Agents.
Hong Kong, 12th February, 1927. [4554

HONGKONG TRAMWAYS, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of HONGTRAMWAYS, LIMITED, will be held at the Offices of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LTD., HONG KONG, on MONDAY, the 7TH DAY of MARCH, 1927, at 12 o'CLOCK NOON, to transact the Ordinary Business of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the REGISTER OF MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND, to MONDAY, 7TH MARCH, 1927, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board
W. F. SIMMONS
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 12th February, 1927. [4552

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING 1927.

22ND FEBRUARY, 1ST, 2ND & 5TH MARCH.

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A Limited Number of Tickets are available and may be obtained from MESSRS. LINSTEAD & DAVIS, ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS, on or before SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH, 1927, at Cost of $10.00 Each Per Day or $30.00 for the Meeting.

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Servants are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties, but must remain in their Employers' Stands

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By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL RACE AND RECREATION CLUB OF MACAO, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

3RD RACE—SECOND DAY.

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By Order,
GEO. CHENG,
Clerk of the Course.

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Macao, 16th February, 1927. [4565

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following Share Certificates:—

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5101	20	148261/148280	12/4/1920
5102	20	148281/148300	"
5103	20	148301/148320	"
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GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., LTD.
Agents.
Hong Kong, 8th February, 1927. [4631

NOTICE.

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NOTICE.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

ALL ROUNDS UP TO and including the SEMI-FINALS are to be Completed on or before SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH.

The FINALS will be played on THURSDAY, 3RD MARCH, when the Annual "AT HOME" will be held.

G. F. CHARLES, Capt.
Hon. Secretary,
U.S.R.C.

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THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER COMPANY (1918), LIMITED.

WITH Reference to the NOTICE to SHAREHOLDERS of this Company dated 17th SEPTEMBER, 1926, whereby the Final Call of $3.00 PER Share on the New Shares was made Payable on 1ST MARCH, 1927, instead of 1st OCTOBER, 1926, the General Managers and Consulting Committee have decided, in view of the conditions prevailing at present, to further extend the Time for Payment of the Call.

NOTICE IS ACCORDINGLY HEREBY GIVEN that the Date for Payment of the FINAL CALL is POSTPONED to 30TH JUNE, 1927, and that the Form of Bankers' Receipt already sent to Shareholders can be used as though the Date named therein were the 30TH JUNE, 1927.

FOR THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER CO. (1918), LTD.
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 16th February, 1927. [4570

LANGUAGE SCHOOL.

A LANGUAGE SCHOOL for Teaching the Cantonese dialect has been started at the UNIVERSITY.

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Classes held in the Evening may be charged at a Higher Rate.

REGISTRAR,
UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.
11th February, 1927. [4563

HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL SHOW of FLOWERS and VEGETABLES will be held at VOLUNTEER HEADQUARTERS on THURSDAY, 10TH MARCH, 1927.

Entries will Definitely CLOSE at 1 P.M. on MONDAY, 28TH FEBRUARY, 1927, at the HON. SECRETARY'S OFFICE, but intending Exhibitors are Requested to SEND IN THEIR ENTRIES AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

Schedules are being prepared and will be sent to all Members who have paid their Subscription for the Current Year.

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BIRTHS.

CLEMENTS.—On February 3rd, at Peking, to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. CLEMENTS, a son.

FRASER.—On February 12th, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. B. FRASER, a son.

SOKOLSKY.—On February 12th, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE E. SOKOLSKY, a son, ERIC SOLOMON.

DEATHS.

ANDERSON.—On January 11th, at Bromley, Kent, ROSINA MARY McGREGOR ANDERSON, widow of JOHN GRAHAM ANDERSON, of Blackheath and Hong Kong, aged 79.

SCOTT.—On February 13th, suddenly, at St. John's University, Shanghai, CHARLES PERRY SCOTT, Bishop in North-China 1880-1913, aged 79 years.

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HONG KONG, FEBRUARY 19TH, 1927.

MAKING BOTH ENDS MEET.

"WHAT is a living wage?" The question has been raised by a correspondent in a Singapore newspaper. It is a subject which involves salaries and living costs and, summing up the correspondence, the *Straits Times* is of the opinion that three hundred dollars a month is a fair commencing salary for a young unmarried man in the Straits Settlements. A few years ago Singapore was generally regarded as a more expensive place than Hong Kong in which to live, but we doubt whether it is so now.

The older generation are perhaps a little critical of the young men. They recollect their own youth and come to the conclusion that the youngsters of to-day spend far more in recreation than was customary a decade and a half since. Twenty years back there were no cinemas. Dancing was not possible on several evenings every week. The subscriptions to local clubs were about half of what is now demanded. In "the good old days" the chief expense involved in playing golf was the rickshaw fare to Happy Valley. That was upon an altogether different plane to the cost of reaching the Fanling Club House by ferry, railway train and rickshaw. We will therefore not follow our Straits contemporary's example and express an opinion of what constitutes a fair living wage. It is safer to say, perhaps, that in general a man is paid more or less what he is worth. Those who have reason to believe that they can do better elsewhere are usually on the look out for a change.

Mr. MICAWBER is immortal because CHARLES DICKENS put into his mouth one of those great truths that are so easily overlooked by youth. If a man has an income of one hundred pounds a year and spends ninety-nine pounds nineteen shillings and sixpence the result is happiness. If, however, he spends one hundred pounds and sixpence the result is misery. In the East, with the chit system and the extraordinary willingness of many Chinese to give credit, habits of extravagance are more easily formed than they are at Home. But apart altogether from the question of extravagance it is certainly more difficult for a married man on $500 a month to save ten per cent. of his income than it is to save twenty per cent. from an income of $1,500 a month. There is a much wider gap between incomes than between styles of living in Hong Kong. People with widely differing salaries live at about the same cost in the same hotel or boarding house.

In the circumstances the only thing to do is to emphasise the sage advice of Mr. MICAWBER. The first consideration should be "to make ends meet." After that problem has been solved satisfactorily the task of striking the happy medium in style of living may be safely left to personal taste. It is equally unfortunate to become a spendthrift or a miser but observation teaches us that there are more people who spend in excess of what is prudent than there are those who can truthfully be called misers. As a shrewd Scotch friend once remarked "Money is not everything in life—but it is a very handy thing to have in the house." It is not money, but the love of money that is the root of all evil. Against that we are emphatically warned by the Scriptures. We are also warned that it is uncomfortable to be a debtor.

BUSINESS IS BUSINESS.

A London paper gives the following as an exact copy of a letter received by a firm in London from a correspondent in Japan:—

"Regarding the matter of escaping penalty for non-delivery of the Bar Machine, there is a way to creep round same by diplomat and we must make a statement of strike occur our factory (of course, big untrue). Please address my firm on enclosed form of letter and believe this will avoid penalty of case. As Mr. B. is most religious and competent man and also heavily upright and godly it fears me that useless apply for his signature. Please attach same by Yokohama office making forge, but no cause to fear of prison happening, as this is often operated by other merchant of highest integrity. It is highest unfortunate Mr. B. so godlike and excessive awkward for business purpose. I think much better add little serpent-like wisdom to upright manhood and thus found a good business edifice."

The first meeting of the New Territories Development Show Committee is being held to-day.

Another dance is being given by H.M.S. *Hermes* at the Hotel Savoy this evening, commencing at 8.30 p.m.

The next term of the Diocesan Boys' School begins on Tuesday, March 1st. New boys attend on Monday, February 28th, at 9 a.m.

A Chinese dentist has reported that someone burgled his room at 145, Queen's Road Central, and stole money and jewellery valued at $658.

Amongst the passengers who arrived from Shanghai by the P. & O. liner *Kaylan* were Mr. A. Stevenson, Mr. B. Bradbury and Mr. F. Marshall.

Two Chinese cases of small-pox, one British case of diphtheria, two Indian and one Japanese cases of enteric fever were reported on Thursday.

The dead body of a Chinese man has been found on the foreshore at Lyeemun Pass. The body has wounds which are believed to have been inflicted by a dagger. Murder is suspected.

The body of a Chinese, who was found hanging on the stairway between the first and second floor of No. 2, Western Street, has been removed to the Mortuary. It is thought to be a case of suicide.

Gaining entrance to 511, Shanghai Street, Kowloon, by breaking a door open, a robber stole a small iron safe. The safe was later found in the street near the house from which it was taken. The thief having evidently found it too heavy to carry away.

Mr. J. E. Nathan, formerly of the Malayan Civil Service and recognised, says the *China Express and Telegraph*, as one of its most promising officers, is now Secretary of the well-known London firm of Messrs. Francis Peek & Co., who have extensive interests in the East.

The death occurred at No. 6, Austin Avenue, Kowloon, yesterday of Mrs. Telinda Remedios Gomes, the wife of Mr. Francisco T. Gomes, of Kowloon Dock. Mr. Gomes' brother, of the Mercantile Bank, died recently. The funeral of Mrs. Gomes takes place this evening, the cortige passing the monument at five o'clock.

The marriage arranged between Mr. Edward Joseph Todhunter, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Todhunter, of Kingsmoor, Great Parndon, Essex, and Agnes Mary (Betty), younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Swire, of Hillingdon House, Harlow, was announced to take place on Tuesday, February 15th, at St. Mary's, Harlow.

On Thursday six men were admitted to a house at No. 12, Au Pui Long, Hunghom, on their asking to see the master. When they had entered, they seized the inmates, but one shouted "Robbers!" and another blew a police whistle. The men ran away but one was arrested in the street by an Indian constable. Five other men have since been detained at Yaumati Police Station.

Mr. Alexander B. Filson and his three children were found shot dead in a flat at 19, River View Gardens, Castlenau, Barnes. Mr. Alexander B. Filson was a former partner in a well-known firm of City accountants. The eldest of the children, John Warnock Filson, aged 19, had a position in a bank in the City, and had expected shortly to go either to Hankow or Shanghai, but within the last few weeks decided to take up a career in the Air Force.

Miss Violet Capell's pupils, some eighty in all, are holding a dress rehearsal this afternoon at the Theatre Royal in preparation for their annual dance display, which is to be given on Wednesday afternoon at 5.15 at the Theatre Royal, and will be repeated on Saturday night and on the following Monday afternoon. The display is being staged on a much bigger scale than last year, and is under the patronage of H.E. the Governor and Lady Clementi. Part of the proceeds will as usual be devoted to the London Hospital.

A successful broadcasting demonstration, the first for several months, was carried out by the Hong Kong Radio Society on Thursday evening. Broadcasting has been prevented of late owing to a need for new valves. Recently the Society has had to change its wave length to avoid interference. Thursday night's programme was its third special night programme, the two programmes given previously being Portuguese and Chinese. By permission of Capt. B. H. Ramsay, M.V.O., R.N., the Dance Orchestra and Male Voice Choir of H.M.S. *Danae*, which arrived in Hong Kong last week, provided the programme of foxtrots, waltzes and songs. Transmission and reception is reported to have been good. While no plans have yet been made the Radio Society hope to broadcast another programme shortly.

VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING POSTPONED A WEEK.

The annual meeting of the Victoria Recreation Club was to be held last evening. The meeting was called for six o'clock, but as a quorum (30 members) failed to turn up the meeting was postponed until next Friday evning at six o'clock, when it is hoped that there will be a good muster of members. The non-attendance last evening was attributed to the heavy rain.

BRITISH CABINET DISCUSSES THE SITUATION IN CHINA.

FRESH INSTRUCTIONS FOR MR. O'MALLEY.

THE RETREATING NORTHERN TROOPS.

DEFEATED TROOPS CLOSE TO SHANGHAI INTERNATIONAL SETTLEMENT.

HANGCHOW REPORTED LOOTED AND PARTLY BURNT.

BRITISH CABINET MEET.

DISCUSS CHINA SITUATION FOR TWO HOURS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Feb. 17th.

At a special meeting of the Cabinet, held in the House of Commons, the deliberations lasted for two hours. It is understood that they were wholly concerned with the latest phases of the situation in China.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Fresh Instructions for Mr. O'Malley.

RUGBY, February 18th.

The Cabinet meeting last night considered the China situation, and particularly the Hankow negotiations, in the light of telegrams received from Mr. O'Malley and the comments thereon from the British Minister in Peking. Fresh instructions, requested by Mr. O'Malley, were sent.

ENGLISHWOMEN FROM HANKOW.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

MARSEILLES, February 18th.

A number of Englishwomen from Hankow have arrived by the s.s. *Angers*.

Troopship at Port Said.

PORT SAID, February 18th.

The troopship *Bellerophon* has arrived. She is proceeding to China after coaling.

WHAT A CHINESE REPORT STATES.

[CHINESE PRESS SERVICE.]

SHANGHAI, February 18th.

The British Government has telegraphically instructed Mr. O'Malley that Mr. Eugene Chen's demand for the withdrawal of British troops from Shanghai is acceptable. Mr. O'Malley, acting on instructions, has consulted with Mr. Eugene Chen for a further revision of some conditions of the Hankow Agreement, which, it is reported, is on the point of being signed by both parties. Two of the most important conditions in the Agreement are that the British Concessions in Hankow and Kiukiang should be arranged as "Third Special Areas" to follow those concessions which have been withdrawn from Russia and Germany: also that the chairmen of the committees controlling the two British Concessions be appointed by the Nationalist Government. Other petty items concerning their control will be assigned to a subsequently appointed Sino-Anglo Commission.

BRITISH SUBJECTS NOT TO BE LEFT TO THE MERCY OF MOBS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, February 18th.

In a speech last night, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr. Amery, referred to the Chinese military situation, as reported within the previous 48 hours. He said that at any moment the rabble of defeated men and of victorious troops might be pouring towards Shanghai, where but for the steps taken by the British Government there would be looting and plundering and, possibly, bloodshed. It was not going to happen because British troops had landed and because the Government, seeing the danger ahead, had decided, just in time, to send troops for the purpose of protecting the lives and property of the great British community there. What had been done had been done only for the security of our own people in the Settlements they had built. There was no intention on the part of the Government to interfere in the Chinese war or to use troops for the purpose of territorial aggression, but they certainly were not going to leave any British subjects to the mercy of mobs.

THE FALL OF HANGCHOW.

HOW SHANGHAI NATIVE CITY OFFICIALS RECEIVED THE NEWS.

[CHINESE PRESS SERVICE.]

SHANGHAI, Feb. 18th.

When the news was received here that Hangchow had fallen, the Chinese territory surrounding the foreign Concessions at Shanghai was placed under martial law. After 6 p.m. all communications are now stopped in Lungwah Arsenal, some five miles from Shanghai.

DEFEATED TROOPS ARRIVE AT SHANGHAI.

4,000 ON BORDER OF THE INTERNATIONAL SETTLEMENT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Feb. 18th.

The retreat of a large portion of General Sun Chuan Fang's Army into Kiangsu continues. This evening 4,000 retreating soldiers arrived at Shanghai and are at present at the main railway station which is on the border of the International Settlement.

There are also streams of refugees arriving. For several miles to the north-east of Hangchow, within which area it is estimated must still be 30,000 of Sun's troops, the railway line is completely blocked. Their is still no telegraphic communication to Hangchow so it is impossible to confirm or deny Nationalist statements here to the effect that the city was looted and partially burned by the Northerners before they left.

Ningpo's Capture.

Ningpo has been captured by the Southerners and Sun's troops from that port, who evacuated by sea, have arrived in Shanghai.

[CHINESE PRESS SERVICE.]

The Retreating Army.

The major portion of Sun's army is concentrating at Chunkiang.

4,000 Northern Troops Disarmed.

Some 4,000 troops, commanded by General Chow Yuen, have been disarmed by the Southerners near Hangchow.

Refugees From Hangchow.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, February 18th.

Shanghai telegrams state that refugees are arriving there from Hangchow and neighbourhood, as the result of the reported retirement of Sun's troops.

The Retreating Army.

[CHINESE PRESS SERVICE.]

SHANGHAI, February 18th.

After Hangchow had been taken by the Nationalists, all the defeated remnants belonging to Marshal Sun Chuan Fang retreated to Kashing and Chungkiang. Some portion of Sun's forces are still offering stubborn resistance at Yuhang, near Hangchow. From the same source, it is reported that Ningpo also fell into the hands of the Nationalists shortly after the fall of Hangchow.

THE FENGTIENESE IN HONAN.

[CHINESE PRESS SERVICE.]

SHANGHAI, Feb. 18th.

Except those Honanese commanded by Wei Yi San, Tan Wai Chin and Chin Yun Ao, all troops formerly under Marshal Wu Pei Fu have turned over to the side of the Fengtienese, while some have been disarmed and disbanded by the Fengtienese generals.

It is reported that the troops commanded by the generals who were reported a month ago to be in rebellion against Marshal Wu, are concentrating west of Honan in preparation to meet any pressure put on them by the Fengtienese.

THE NATIONALISTS AND THE NEW "I.-G."

[CHINESE PRESS SERVICE.]

SHANGHAI, February 18th.

Mr. Eugene Chen refuses to recognise Mr. Edwardes as Inspector-General of the Chinese Customs. When interviewed by Sir Francis Aglen, who wished to conciliate him on this point, Mr. Chen said that any appointment to the Customs Service must receive the consent of the Nationalist Government, before it could be considered to be properly authorised. He further stated that the Nationalist Government acknowledges that all foreign loans should be put on a sound basis.

[EARLIER TELEGRAMS.]

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

NAVAL WIRELESS REPORTS.

ROWDY COOLIES DISPERSED AT ICHANG.

ICHANG, February 17th.

The British steamer *Kingwo* had to be cleared of rowdy coolies by armed guards to-day, causing a certain amount of excitement on shore.

(Continued on next column).

THE ROYAL TOUR TO THE ANTIPODES.

DUKE AND DUCHESS WELCOMED TO THE FIJIAN ISLANDS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, February 18th.

The Governor of the Fiji Islands and the local officials formally welcomed the Duke and Duchess of York on their arrival yesterday and, later, the Royal visitors attended a spectacular native reception. The presentation of the tooth of the sperm whale by the nominal chiefs of the Fijians was followed by the native women's ceremonial of welcome, which is reserved for the honouring of the wife of the chief of the highest rank.

The root of yangona, which is the symbol of a spontaneous gift of the people of their paramount chief product of the soil, was presented and the sacred kava, made from the Yangona shrub, was burnt.

PROPOSED CONFERENCE OF COLONIAL GOVERNORS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY February 18th.

The *Daily Telegraph* says that during the presence in London this summer of a number of Colonial Governors a formal conference will be held at the Colonial Office for the discussion of various questions affecting Crown Colonies. The proposal for holding a conference of Colonial Governors, made early in year, following the Imperial conference, will be discussed.

HANKOW PROCESSIONS.

Pass Off Without Incident.

HANKOW, February 17th.

Many lantern processions passed through the British Concession yesterday and to-day, marking the end of the New Year holidays.

The demonstrations passed off without incident, and the situation generally is unchanged. The attitude of the Labour Unions is, however, doubtful.

Northern Troops For Chekiang.

CHINKIANG, Feb. 17th.

The Northern troops which have advanced from Changchow are proceeding to Chekiang.

CHINA AND LEAGUE.

A PEKING NOTE.

GENEVA, February 17th.

Mr. Chao Hsin Chu has returned to Rome after handing to Sir Eric Drummond a copy of the Peking Note dated January 31st to Britain concerning the dispatch of troops. He claimed to have received instructions to this effect from "the Chinese Government."

Sir Eric Drummond has enquired whether "the Chinese Government" desired a copy to be communicated to the members of the League, but has not received a reply.

Mr. Chu said he would be returning on March 3rd for the Session of the Council, when, possibly, he would have received instructions enabling him to make an official statement to the League.

MR. CHU AND THE KUOMINTANG.

GENEVA, February 17th.

Discussing the relations between Mr. Chao Hsin Chu and the Kuomintang, Mr. Li Sin Hui, an influential member of the Kuomintang European Executive Committee, said that Mr. Chu had always been in close touch with the Nationalists, of which he was a member fifteen years ago at Peking. The Kuomintang did not recognize Mr. Chu's official position but would always recognize all he could do for China's good. Mr. Li Sin Hui said it was premature to explain his own presence at Geneva.

HANKOW NEGOTIATIONS.

MR. CHEN READY TO SIGN.

HANKOW, February 18th.

The Nationalist News Agency announces that it is authoritatively denied that the O'Malley-Chen negotiations have broken down. Mr. Eugene Chen says: "I am ready now to sign an agreement regarding the British Concession at Hankow."

The Agency adds that it is understood that the Nationalist Government views the recent declaration of Sir Austen Chamberlain regarding the deflection of British troops to Hong Kong as a basis upon which the Nationalists may proceed to the conclusion of a Hankow agreement.

A GERMAN CLAIM RECOGNISED.

The Agency also announces that the Nationalist Government has approved of a claim of $3,500 made by the German authorities to cover the medicial and hospital costs of the German business man, named Burmeister, who was assaulted by Chinese on January 1st.

A LOUISIANA TORNADO.

CAUSES DEATH AND DESTRUCTION.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

SHREPORTS, LOUSIANA, Feb. 18th.

The tornado swept over Paris Sabine, killing 10 and injuring 20 persons. Houses and barns were wrecked over a 20 mile area.

NAVAL LIMITATION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

WHY BRITAIN'S REPLY IS DELAYED.

LONDON, February 17th.

The British Government has not yet replied to the American disarmament proposals, as unlike other Powers, it must first, consult the Dominions.

NICARAGUA'S WAR.

U.S. MARINES TO BE REINFORCED.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17th.

The Navy Department has decided to reinforce the marines at Nicaragua in order to make a total of 1,600 men on duty there. A transport has been ordered to leave and pick up reinforcements at various points.

FRENCH POLITICS.

A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, February 17th.

The Chamber of Deputies has passed a vote of confidence in the Government by 363 votes to 136, rejecting an Amendment by the Radical Socialists who sought an inversion of the order of the Government's parliamentary programme:—Firstly, military reform; secondly, the budget; and thirdly, electoral reform.

M. Poincare adhered to this order, and pointed out that if the Chamber tackled the business methodically all three measures could be dealt with in the present Session.

SUFFOLKS LEAVE FOR SHANGHAI.

SAIL YESTERDAY.

MORE TROOPS ON THE WAY.

Embarked on Thursday afternoon, the 2nd Batt. of the Suffolk Regiment, left for Shanghai yesterday morning on the s.s. *Vama*.

The B.I. steamer *Rohna*, with detachments of R.A., R.E., R.A.M.C., and other units, and the s.s. *Bankura*, with both British and Indian troops, have proceeded direct to Shanghai, and it is understood that both vessels have reached the Northern port.

The first contingent from Home, 1,000 Marines aboard the s.s. *Minnesota*, are due to arrive in Hong Kong next week, between Thursday and Saturday.

The Red Star liner *Megantic*, carrying the commander of the Shanghai Defence Force, Major General Sir John Duncan, and his staff, and battalions of the Border Regiment and Bedford and Herts Regiment, are expected to reach Hong Kong next week-end.

A CONTRAST.

CONVERSAZIONE OF CHINA SOCIETY IN LONDON.

Under the auspices of the China Society a conversazione was held in the Caxton Hall, London, on January 13th, when a most successful and enjoyable entertainment was provided, thanks mainly to Lady Ross, wife of Sir Denison Ross, principal of the School of Oriental Studies, who was responsible for it.

Commenting on the entertainment a writer in the *Evening News* says:—While the world at large is troubled about the situation at Shanghai and Hankow, while the War Office, though cautioned by the Government against military offensive, knows very well that should actual occasion arise unpreparedness would not be excused, while last night London was disturbed by fresh reports of anti-foreign riots and of the perils encountered by British refugees, there was held in Westminster a conversazione in which Chinese and English mingled, and entertained one another. The conversazione given by the China Society was in a room embellished with the arms of Oxford and Cambridge colleges. Round the room sat about a dozen refined looking Chinese girls. There were young Chinese men, too, most of them students from the London School of Economics, though half a dozen or more had come up for the evening from Oxford and Cambridge.

On my way home I reflected upon the contrast between this pleasant social mingling of English and Chinese and the turbulent, unhappy situation in the Far East.

CRUDE RUBBER.

MR. HARVEY FIRESTONE'S VIEWS.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, February 18th.

Mr. Harvey Firestone, after having had luncheon with President Coolidge, told the Press that he believed the present British "monopoly" in crude rubber would be broken in a decade, as the result of the planting of 1,000,000 acres in Liberia. He did not advocate an increase of area in the Philippines unless the Philippine Legislature permitted foreign corporations to secure long term leases of the land.

BACK FROM INDIA.

SIR SAMUEL AND LADY HOARE RETURN TO LONDON.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, February 17th.

Sir Samuel Hoare (Air Minister) and Lady Hoare will reach London this evening on their return from their flight to India.

As fog still prevails in the Channel they are travelling from Paris by train and boat instead of by air as they originated intended.

[NAVAL WIRELESS REPORTS.]

A Splendid Flight.

RUGBY, February 18th.

After 5,500 miles of their air trip to India, Sir Samuel Hoare reached London last night. Fog prevented the flight from Paris, and the Channel was crossed by steamer. Apart from this alteration of the plans, and despite the vicissitudes of the weather including dust, snow and rain storms, fog and desert headwinds, the schedule of the flight had been kept without having a forced landing, delay or breakdown and with no need to use a single spare part of any sort for the repair of the aeroplane or any of its three engines. Sir S. Hoare paid a warm tribute to the pilots and navigator. He added that he had always regarded the setting up of an air route to India as a stage on the route to Australia and New Zealand.

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS AND WAR.

WHAT ARTICLE II. MEANS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, February 17th.

A complete agreement has been reached by a small committee consisting of M. De Brouckers (Belgium), Viscount Cecil (Britain) and M. Titulesco (Rumania) which met in London yesterday and to-day to continue the study of Article II. of the Covenant of the League of Nations already begun by the Committee of League Council last December.

Article II. provides that "Any war or threat of war, whether immediately affecting any of the members of League or not, is hereby declared a matter of concern to the whole League and the League shall take any action that may be deemed wise and effectual to safeguard the peace of nations."

Recommendations regarding such action will be presented by this small committee to a committee of the Council.

COLOMBO STRIKE.

GOVERNMENT HOLDING AN ENQUIRY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

COLOMBO, February 17th.

A Government enquiry into the strike of harbour coolies is being completed within the present week.

Five hundred men have resumed.

MEXICAN RAILWAY.

A GENERAL STRIKE ANNOUNCED.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

MEXICO CITY, February 17th.

A general railway strike is timed to begin at midnight, following a breakdown of the conference between the disputants.

MEXICAN OIL IMPASSE.

U.S. OIL MAGNATE IN MEXICO'S CAPITAL.

[THROUGH AMERICAN SERVICE.]

MEXICO CITY, February 17th.

The Chairman of the Sinclair Consolidated Oil Corporation has conferred with the Minister of Industry and Commerce. He expects to see the President.

Considerable importance is attached to Mr. Sinclair's visit in view of the present *impasse* in the oil situation.

WHY WE ARE IN SHANGHAI.

TREATY THAT MADE CHINESE RICH.

HUGE BRITISH LOANS.

Shanghai is the financial nerve centre of China.

The port was thrown open to trade by the Treaty of Nanking in 1842, and the Chinese as well as other foreigners there owe their present prosperity to long years of British administrative and commercial capacity. In origin the place was as unpromising a piece of land as Britons over-seas have been given to develop.

Immense loans have been made to the Chinese by the British and other Treaty Powers and various revenues, including the Customs, have been held as security for the advances.

In 1925, the last year for which returns are available, the Customs receipts of Shanghai amounted to 26,280,000 Haikwan taels (the sterling equivalent of a tael is 2s. 7¼d.); as compared with 70,720,000 for the whole of the Chinese Maritime Customs.

Great foreign banks have their headquarters or branches in the city in addition to the headquarters of about 40 Chinese banking organisations.

The Loans.

The Chinese Maritime Customs, a purely national organisation, is the bulwark between China and financial ruin, and should an uncontrolled mob seize the Shanghai Customs House and organisation the whole of the debt service would be seriously impaired. It is the revenue collected by the Customs that secures the following loans:—

	Outstanding.
4 % Gold, 1895	£3,719,101
5 % Gold, 1896	£4,907,950
4½% Gold, 1898	£9,778,225
5 % Reorganisation, 1913	£24,224,300

On these during the current year £2,049,411 has to be paid by way of interest, while £2,090,628 has to be provided for the sinking funds.

The Boxer Indemnity Obligations are also secured on the Maritime Customs, ranking immediately after the 4½ per cent. Gold Loan, 1898, and requiring £3,204,527 in the current year, making a total sum to be provided by the Customs for external obligations during 1927 well over £7,000,000.

The Inspector-General Customs, who happens to be a Briton, (Sir Francis Aglen, since dismissed), but at the same time a servant of the Chinese Government, has at the request of the Chinese Government undertaken to provide out of the Customs surplus, after paying the loans already mentioned, interest on certain domestic loans. By Chinese law the native banks are permitted to hold the scrip of these loans as a portion of their reserve. —*Daily Mail*.

WAR DEBTS.

FRENCH GOVERNMENT PROMISE TO PAY.

AGREEMENT WITH PORTUGAL.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Feb. 17th.

Mr. Churchill stated in the House of Commons that he had been in constant touch with the French Minister of Finance on the subject of the ratification of the Anglo-French debt agreement by France.

He had now received a communication from M. Poincare declaring that in view of the delay in obtaining the formal ratification of the debt agreement by the French Parliament the French Government undertook without prejudice to a ratification to pay £6,000,000 during the next financial year—half on September 15th, 1927, and the remainder on March 15th, 1928. Mr. Churchill added that while trusting that the debt agreement would soon be ratified he welcomed this communication as indicating that the French Government intended to meet its obligations in respect of war debt pending ratification.

Replying to a question regarding the recent agreement for funding of the Portuguese debt Mr. Churchill stated that the original total of the debt was £23,575,000 but this was reduced to £20,133,000 in consideration of supplies sent to this country during the war free of charge and in settlement of all outstanding claims. The present value of the annuities to be paid under funding agreement was £7,167,000.

THE TRADE UNION BILL.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Feb. 17th.

The Premier, replying to Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, said that the Trade Union Bill could not be introduced until the finance matters of the year had been disposed of.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Among the passengers arriving here yesterday by the P. & O. s.s. *Kaiyan* from Shanghai were Mr. A. Dallas, Mr. A. Stevenson, Mr. B. Bradbury, Capt. J. Hunt, and Lieutenants C. Pugh, R.N., H. Nicholl, R.N., and A. Waring, R.N.

Another of the series of after evensong social gatherings is being held at St. John's Cathedral Hall to-morrow. A cordial welcome is extended to all Service men, and others. There will be music and light refreshments.

During the present winter season several very successful and enjoyable dances have been held under the auspices of the Kowloon Cricket Club. In no ways less successful was the dance held by the Club at the Hotel Savoy last evening. The floor was in perfect condition, the orchestra excellent, and the attendance good. In fact there was everything to ensure a happy time.

A number of Chinese were charged with gambling, before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday morning. Each of the defendants was fined $3 on admitting the offence, and the sum of $4.87, found on the table of the gamblers, was donated towards to the Poor Box.

The Criminal Sessions for February open at the Supreme Court on Monday. Both the acting Chief Justice (Mr. Justice J. R. Wood) and the acting Puisne Judge (Mr. J. H. B. Nihill) will be engaged on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and there may be another sitting of one of the Court's on Friday. There are ten cases in the Calendar, and they include one of conspiracy to commit an offence and possession of arms; two cases of robbery with violence; five cases in connection with robbery, assault and receiving; one case of bribery and one of manslaughter.

The biography of Sir Patrick Manson, who has justly been called the father of tropical medicine, will appear this spring with Cassel. Where he settled at Amoy, in China, in the 'seventies of the last century, tropical medicine had not come into being. His discoveries of the part played by the mosquito in diseases like malaria and yellow fever were heralds of the new school. Manson's diaries and papers are the basis of the book, which has been written by Colonel Alcock, who was associated with him, and by Dr. Manson-Bahr, his son-in-law.

THE NEW MADAME TUSSAUD'S.

THE 500 FAMOUS AND INFAMOUS.

"LONDON EXPECTS A CHAMBER OF HORRORS!"

Dungeons more grim than any used in the French or Russian revolutions or in the time of the Inquisition are to be opened in London at the end of this year.

They will make London's most blood-curdling acre. They will occupy the whole of the lowest basement of the new Madame Tussaud's in Marylebone-road, W., which it is hoped to open before Christmas, and they will be the home of the gallery of famous murderers and other criminals.

In the new building that is to rise on the ashes of the one which was almost destroyed by fire in March 1925 more than 500 wax figures are to be shown in surroundings more appropriate than used to be employed.

When a press reporter saw Mr. John T. Tussaud working on the head of Mussolini the artist turned from his work to say that the public expected another Chamber of Horrors. He prefers the more difficult task of modelling people who are worthily famous.

"We even have to hunt for Greek medals to help us in getting perfect likenesses," he said. "The greatest help has been that all the casts were preserved, some of them having been kept more than 100 years. To them, however, we are adding Mussolini, Mr. "Tim" Healy, Mr. Cosgrave, Sir Oliver Lodge, Mr. Thomas Hardy, Sir James Barrie, Hindenburg, the Empire Premiers, Mr. E. Phillips Oppenheim, Mr. Jerome K. Jerome, Mr. H. G. Wells, Mr. Gerald du Maurier, Sir Arthur Quiller-Couch, and many more.

Mussolini Model.

"In many cases we have to work from photographs, but we do not run the risk of a photograph telling a lie." He indicated scores of different pictures of Mussolini and a pile of books with illustrations of the famous Italian. The model which had grown from clay in four hours was a likeness based on all the pictures, and not a copy of only one.

"We are not attempting any new methods of dressing the exhibits, or any new process of making them," said Mr. Tussaud. "Wax modelling is the oldest art, being practised by the Egyptians, and we use the old methods."

The new Tussaud's is to have a cinema to seat 2,000, a giant organ, and a restaurant for 600.

FOOTBALL.

SHIELD TIES TO-DAY.

THE COMPLETE FIXTURE LIST.

The Colony's leading soccer clubs will all be engaged to-day in the first round of the Hong Kong Football Association Shield. There are eight teams (four games) in the Senior Section; and six teams (three games) in the Junior Section. There are also two League matches in Division II. "A," and one in the Division II. "B."

The following are to-day's games:

H.K.F.A. Senior Shield.

FIRST ROUND.

Kick off at 4.15 p.m.

China Athletic *v.* Hong Kong Police, Hong Kong F.C. ground. Referee: Capt. Austin, M.C., M.M.

R.A. *v.* Hong Kong F.C., Sookunpoo "A" ground. Referee: Mr. Baldwin.

Club de Recreio *v.* Kowloon (holders), King's Park ground. Referee: Mr. Gilbert.

K.O.S.B.'s *v.* South China, Kowloon F.C. ground. Referee: Mr. Phillips.

H.K.F.A. Junior Shield.

FIRST ROUND.

Kick off at 2.30 p.m.

R.A. Res. *v.* H.K.F.C. Res., Sookunpoo "A" ground. Referee: Mr. Cowan.

Club de Recreio Res. *v.* China Athletic, "A," King's Park ground. Referee: Mr. Mackey.

South China Res., *v.* China Athletic "B," Hong Kong F.C. ground. Referee: Mr. Lamb.

Hong Kong League: Div. II. "A".

Kick off at 2.45 p.m.

K.O.S.B.'s Res. *v.* University, Sookunpoo "B" ground. Referee: Gilmour.

St. Joseph's *v.* Kowloon Res., St. Joseph's ground. Referee: Mr. Samy.

Division II. "B."

Kick off at 2.45 p.m.

South China *v.* Kowloon "B," South China ground. Referee: Mr. Stokes.

Kowloon visit King's Park to meet the Club de Recreio and the game should attract a large gate. These teams have played a drawn game in the League on the King's Park ground.

The visitors have Orr back at centre forward, McKelvie dropping back to the middle line in the place of Andy Duncan. Recreio were hard hit in their game with the Combined China team last week, having several players injured. Gosano should be out to-day and with D. Xavier back on the wing, the Kowloon defence will be severely tested. Kowloon expect to win and with the change in the weather, their chances are very favourable.

Hong Kong Club visit Sookunpoo to meet the Gunners. A good game should be seen with the Gunners starting favourites. Bishop is down to lead the attack and he should strengthen the Club forward line. The last meeting between these teams ended in a win for the Club by a goal to *nil*.

The K.O.S.B.'s are to have choice of ground in their match with South China but the Garrison ground is occupied, so they are now playing on Kowloon F.C. ground. South China should give them a good game and a replay this side may be necessary.

A fast game should be seen on the H.K.F.C. ground between the Police and China Athletic. The Police are rather favoured for the Shield this season, but, wait and see! The crowd will be on the Club ground and with the going heavy, the Police should win.

The Club Reserves are also at Sookunpoo where they meet the A.A. Reserves. The result is very open, Pile, of Kowloon, turning out on the wing. The Gunners are favourites.

China "A" meet The Recreio Reserves at King's Park and the "A" team should pass into the second round.

South China Reserves meet the Athletic "B" at Happy Valley and South China should win.

K.O.S.B.'s should win their league game against the University on Sookunpoo "B" ground.

Kowloon Reserves are due out on St. Joseph's ground and should take the points.

Only one down is scheduled to-day in the "B" division and Kowloon should return with the points.

The Moslem Club have been given the points by the H.K. & S. Bank.

CRICKET.

TO-DAY'S FIXTURES.

At the time of writing the prospects of playing cricket to-day are not very bright, but ground and weather conditions permitting the following matches will take place:

League: Division I.

Hong Kong C.C. *v.* Civil Service C.C.
Indian R.C. *v.* K.O.S.B.
Craigengower *v.* Royal Engineers and Signals.
University *v.* Chinese R.C.
K.C.C. *v.* R.A.

Division II.

Civil Service *v.* Hong Kong C.C.

Friendly Matches.

Taikoo *v.* Wanfoong, C.R.C. ground, at 2.15 p.m.
Recreio *v. Hermes.*
Police R.C. *v.* R.A.S.C.

To-morrow's Match.

Chinese R.C. *v.* Volunteers, whole day match.

HOME FOOTBALL.

ENGLISH AND SCOTTISH CUP MATCHES.

THE ENGLISH AND SCOTTISH LEAGUE FIXTURES.

There will be played at Home to-day the 5th round of the English Cup, and also the 3rd round of the Scottish Cup. In addition there will be a number of matches played in both the English and Scottish Leagues. The fixtures, according to the cabled draws, and the League programme, are as under:—

English Cup: 5th Round.

Wolverhampton *v.* Hull.
Chelsea *v.* Burnley.
Arsenal *v.* Liverpool.
Bolton *v.* Cardiff.
Southampton *v.* Newcastle.
Millwall *v.* Middlesborough.
Reading *v.* Brentford.
South Shields *v.* Swansea.
(Note: Bolton are the holders of the Cup.)

Scottish Cup: 3rd Round.

East Fife *v.* Dunfermline.
Dundee *v.* Celtic.
Rangers *v.* Hamilton.
Falkirk *v.* Mid-Annandale.
Buckie Thistle *v.* Bo'ness.
Dundee United *v.* Montrose.
Clyde *v.* Partick.

English League: Division 1.

Aston Villa *v.* Manchester Utd.
Everton *v.* Blackburn.
Leicester C. *v.* Huddersfield.
Wednesday *v.* Sunderland.
Tottenham *v.* Bury.
West Ham *v.* W. Brom. A.

Division II.

Barnsley *v.* Capton O.
Fulham *v.* Grimsby T.
Manchester C. *v.* Nottingham F.
Oldham A. *v.* Blackpool.

Division III. (Southern).

Charlton A. *v.* Bristol C.
Coventry C. *v.* Plymouth A.
Crystal Pal. *v.* Newport C.
Exeter City *v.* Northampton.
Gillingham *v.* Luton T.
Merthyr T. *v.* Brighton and H.A.
Queen's Prk. R. *v.* B'mouth & B.A.
Southend U. *v.* Norwich C.
Watford *v.* Aberdare A.

Division III. (Northern).

Accrington S. *v.* Barrow.
Bradford *v.* Chesterfield.
Doncaster R. *v.* Wrexham.
Durham City *v.* Crewe A.
Lincoln City *v.* Halifax T.
Rochdale *v.* Stockport C.
Rotherham U. *v.* Ashington.
Stoke City *v.* New Brighton.
Tranmere R. *v.* Hartlepools U.
Walsall *v.* Nelson.
Wigan Boro' *v.* Southport.

Scottish League: Division I.

Aberdeen *v.* Kilmarnock.
Airdrisonians *v.* Queen's Prk.
Motherwell *v.* Hibernians.
St. Johnstone *v.* Morton.

HOME BOXING.

WORLD'S TITLE MATCH ARRANGED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, February 17th.

Mr. C. B. Cochran, who is re-entering the lists as a boxing promoter, announces that he has fixed a match for the World's Middleweight Championship, between Mickey Walker (holder) and Tommy Milligan (the European Champion), probably in June or July.

Interviewed by *Reuter*, Mr. Cochran said that the purse was substantial but not extravagant. The fight may be held in Scotland as he had had an attractive proposal from a Scottish syndicate. There was difficulty in getting a suitable building in London at that time. The Albert Hall was impossible because of the large number of proprietary seats from which the promoter did not derive any benefit.

There has not been a world's championship fight in Britain since Freddie Welsh (Wales) beat Willie Ritchie (California) in 1914.

Another World's Match?

LATER.

It is also announced that La Barba, and Teddy Baldock, who at the Albert Hall last night knocked out Young Johnny Brown in the third round, have signed up with an international sports syndicate and that it is hoped to stage a world's title match in London in June.

GOLF.

WEED-END FIXTURES.

STARTING TIMES FOR TO-MORROW.

To-day at Fanling the match between the Club and the Ladies will be play. The names of the teams have already been published. Both sides are strongly represented and an interesting game should result.

To-morrow, the semi-final of the Junior Championship will be played. The semi-finalists are A. O. Brown *v.* M. J. Clerk; A. Somerfelt *v.* C. B. Robertson.

During the week-end, from to-day until Monday inclusive, there will be a bogey pool competition.

To-morrow's Starting Times.

9.28 a.m. W. N. Fleming and F. Taylor.
9.32 ,, A. O. Brawn and W. J. Clerk.
9.36 ,, R. J. Hance and J. C. Middleton Smith.
9.40 ,, W. Pitterdrigh and F. B. Jones.
9.44 ,, T. C. Monaghan and S. T. Butlin.
9.48 ,, H. F. Bloxham and T. D. E. Pendered.
9.52 ,, A. Morley and F. Austin
9.56 ,, T. G. Benneth and H. G. Sheldon.
10.00 ,, A. D. Humphreys and E. D. Matthews.
10.04 ,, D. Forbes and J. H. Hearn.
10.08 ,, A. E. Lissaman and H. R. Cleland.
10.12 ,, W. Ironside and J. S. McLaren.
10.16 ,, G. E. Ellams and J. Conthart.
10.20 ,, A. W. Hodges and S. C. Peltham.
10.24 ,, W. D. Brown and G. Davidson.
10.28 ,, W. L. Dunbar and H. M. Megarry.
10.32 ,, G. W. Sellars and R. M. Muir.
10.36 ,, C. B. Robertson and A. Sommerfelt.
10.40 ,, A. Leach and F. H. Crapnell.
10.44 ,, G. P. Lammert and C. D. Lambert.
10.48 ,, A. C. I. Bowker and D. B. Peat.
10.52 ,, Comdr. Finlayson and D. G. Bruce.
10.56 ,, J. W. Franks and I. W. Shewan.
11.00 ,, F. Cowherd and S. Howkin.
11.04 ,, N. L. Smith and L. R. Andrewes.
11.08 ,, L. G. S. Dodwell and P. Jacks.
11.12 ,, A. H. Ferguson and I. H. Geare.
11.16 ,, C. W. Jeffries and F. G. L. Wheeler.
11.20 ,, W. J. S. Key and N. K. Littlejohn.
11.24 ,, C. L. Edwards and C. H. Eldridge.
11.28 ,, E. P. Fletcher and C. J. Waddell.
11.32 ,, P. P. J. Wodehouse and C. C. C. Stark.
11.36 ,, H. G. Hegarty and R. A. Green.
11.40 ,, A. R. Cox and J. Haropp
11.44 ,, W. M. Cox and W. H. S. Dent.
11.48 ,, J. H. Wallace and A. B. Purves.

JAPANESE SWIMMERS.

PASS THROUGH ON "TANGO MARU."

There passed through the Colony on the s.s. *Tango Maru* yesterday *en route* for Japan the well-known Japanese swimmers, Katsuo Takaishi and K. Saiton. They arrived from Australia on Thursday, and are on the way home after contests with "Boy" Charlton in Australia.

The first mentioned swimmer swam in Hong Kong when he returned from the Olympiad at Manila last year, and with his fellow swimmer and others gave exhibitions at the Victoria Recreation Club.

While in Australia, Takaishi was beaten by Andrew "Boy" Charlton, who covered the half mile in 10 mins. 32 secs., which is five secs. better than the world record. Takaishi's time was 11 mins. 25.2-5 secs.

The Japanese swimmer beat Charlton by ten yards in the 220 yards race, covering the distance in 2 mins. 17 secs., thus beating his opponent's record time by 6.4-5 secs.

JAZZ IN ST. SOPHIA.

AMERICAN PLAN FOR FAMOUS MOSQUE.

In view of the proposal of Turkish business men to turn the mosque of St. Sophia into a dancing hall, the American Embassy has received a communication from the American Association of Jazz Bands to be handed to the Turkish authorities.

It asks for full acoustic details of the building, promising to provide the largest jazz band in the world, with the largest number of the most powerful saxophones. The proposal is not receiving support in Constantinople.

MACAO RACES POSTPONED.

OWING TO BAD WEATHER.

The races at Macao, which should have been held to-day and to-morrow, have been postponed on account of the bad weather. As will be seen from the Racing Notes below a number of Hong Kong owners had entered ponies, and several Hong Kong jockeys had intended to ride.

The message from Macao was handed in at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon and reads as follows:—

"Daily Press" Hong Kong,
Races postponed. Bad weather.
—Race Club.

NOTES ON THE MEETING.

[By RAPIER.]

An advance copy of the programme of the above meeting has came to hand. The races arranged were as follows, but as announced above the meeting has been postponed.

1.—The Open Cup, once round. 16 entries.
2.—The Areia Preta Stakes, five furlongs. 16 entries.
3.—The Governor's Cup, one mile. 11 entries.
4.—The Macao Shiak Stakes, ½ mile. 12 entries.
5.—The Praia Grande Stakes, three furlongs. 13 entries.
6.—The Yuen-Sue Stakes, half mile. 16 entries.

The first race commences at 2 p.m.

On Sunday the races are as follows:—

1.—The Canton Stakes, three furlongs. 13 entries.
2.—The Mongha Stakes, half mile. 15 entries.
3.—The Hong Kong Stakes, ½ mile, 15 entries.
4.—The Jockey Cup, five furlongs. 16 entries.
5.—The Ladies Purse, half mile. 12 entries. Prizes presented to jockeys by ladies of Macao.
6.—The Inaugural Sweepstake, one mile. Open to all winners and placed ponies only.
7.—The Visitors Cup, five furlongs. 23 entries.
8.—The Mafoo Race, half mile, for all unplaced ponies, to be ridden by mafoos in racing colours.

There are 40 ponies entered for the meeting and Hong Kong owners are represented by Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Paterson, Lieut.-Col. Comyn, Messrs. Dunbar and Stanton. H.E. the Governor of Macao is amongst those who have entered ponies. Practically all the Stewards of the Hong Kong Jockey Club are Honorary Stewards and Hong Kong Officials include Messrs. R. J. Paterson, L. Dunbar, H. P. White, W. T. Stanton, G. H. Potts, P. M. Hodgson, W. G. Pirie, and E. C. Rock.

NAVAL INTELLIGENCE.

With effect from January 14th, a change was made in the post of resident naval officer in Shanghai. For two years it was held by Paymaster-Comdr. J. M. L. Cusack. He is succeeded by Paymaster-Comdr. G. H. Thomson, O.B.E., late of the aircraft carrier *Eagle*, and formerly a squadron leader in the Royal Air Force. Paymaster-Comdr. Thomson was Secretary at the Admiralty to Rear-Admiral C. L. Vaughan-Lee, when Director of Air Services during the war, and afterwards had considerable service with R.N.A.S. units.

Referring to the battalion of Marines 1,000 strong, under the command of Lt.-Col. George Carpenter, O.B.E., D.S.C., R.M., which was first announced to leave Portsmouth in the s.s. *Zeeland* for China on January 21st, the *China Express & Telegraph* says:—Lt.-Col. Carpenter has of late been serving at the Royal Marine Depôt at Deal. He recently completed 30 years' service with the corps and was awarded the D.S.C. for services during landing operations in the Persian Gulf in 1915. Colonel Carpenter has seen service in China from 1905 to 1907 he was musketry instructor at Hong Kong.

A Southampton correspondent says that when it was officially announced there that two steamers of the Union-Castle Line, the *Kinfauns Castle* and the *Kildonan Castle*, had been requisitioned by the Government to convey troops to China, preparations were speedily made to convert them into troopships, and both were ready to sail with in a week or ten days of the order being received. Both vessels had been out of commission for some time, and had occupied idle berths in the river. They are sister ships.

YACHTING PROGRAMME.

THE FIXTURES FOR REMAINDER OF SEASON.

INTERESTING CLOSING EVENTS.

The racing season of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club is rapidly drawing to a conclusion. For racing classes the official finish is on Saturday, March 19th, for cruisers on Sunday, March 13th, and for the Ladies' Section on Sunday, March 6th.

The programme for the remainder of the season has now been issued, and from it we give the following details:—

Racing Yachts.

To-day the racing yachts will sail in the Presented Cups Race, the course being Channel Rocks (P), Cust Rock Buoy (S). Kowloon Rock (S), Lyemun Beacon (S). The distance is 9.6 miles.

Next Saturday they compete for the Tai Yut Cup race for prize winners. The preparatory gun will be at 2.25 p.m., a start at 2.30 p.m., and the time-limit for the finish has been fixed for 4 p.m. The course, over a distance of 10.75 miles, is as under:—Lyemun Beacon (P), Cust Rock Buoy (P), Mark on Line (P), Kowloon Rock (S), Channel Rocks (S), Cust Rock Buoy (P).

On Saturday, March 5th, there will be a menageric race, the course, over a distance of 7.4 miles, being Channel Rocks (P), Kowloon Rock (P), Mark on Line (P), Channel Rocks (S).

For March 13th (Saturday) the race for the "Ladies" Cup for all racing yachts, to be sailed over a course of 9.9 miles, as under:—Lyemun Beacon (P), Kowloon Rock (P), Mark in Quarry Bay (P), Channel Rocks (P).

The concluding event for the above classes is on Saturday, March 19th, when the race is for Service Members' Presented Cup for Racing Yachts. The course for this event will be published later.

Cruisers.

To-morrow, the cruisers re-sail their 1st Championship race, the course being round Hong Kong Island, a distance of 24 miles to port.

Next Sunday, the 5th Championship race, cancelled last week, owing to no cruisers finishing with the time limit, will be re-sailed, the course being to Lamma Island and back, (S), a distance of 25 miles.

The closing event in this class on Sunday, March 13th, will be a race for Presented Cups for cruisers. The course for this race is to be chosen by donor, and published later.

Ladies' Section.

The only remaining event for the Ladies' Section is on Sunday, March 6th, when they race against the Club.

YACHTING NOTES.

[By "CHAU KUNG."]

Tide for Sat., 12th: 3.7 Low at 11.21
6.7 High 18.28
Sun., 13th: 4.7 High 12.57
2.9 Low 17.16
6.1 High 23.25

The members of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club as losers in the event of last year are sending a challenge to the competitors of the Ladies' Championship held under the auspices of the Club, for a team match to be sailed on Sunday, March 6th. I understand that the challenge is to be taken up in no uncertain manner and moreover having anticipated it the Ladies are nominating the following as their team:—

Lady Clementi and Mrs. Miles
Mrs. Ratsey & Mrs. Hunt
Miss Lewis & Mrs. Faussett
Miss Butcher & Mrs. Claridge
Miss Hazelland & Miss Thwaites
Mrs. Mitchell and Miss Yates

with Mrs. Lambert and Miss Carson in reserve.

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The racing is to be for teams of six boats of the smaller classes and I learn that the Ladies are extremely keen "to keep on showing *them* how it is done" as they did last year . . . . we shall see!

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The racing over the week-end is for the Presented Cups by Championship winners of the racing yachts over a 9.6 mile course of Channel Rocks (P.), Cust Rock Buoy (S.), Kowloon Rock (S.), and Lymun Beacon (S.), while on Sunday the Cruiser will try and get a result for the 1st Championship event on the course of Hong Kong Island (P).

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The Committee have extended the time limit to 7.30 p.m. with the hope of completing the course. This extension was of no avail on Sunday last and the fleet after indulging in a series of the pull-huntings found their leaders off the clock tower at 10 to 7, with little or no wind and a foul tide. *U & I* and *La Cigale* hailed one another and agreed "to call it even," but "Coquette" managed to cross the line somewhere about 8.45 p.m. *Norseman* was on the Yau-ma-ti shore and *Feather* on the Hong Kong. *Ladye Jean* and *Queen Bee*

(*Continued on next column.*)

CHINESE INTEREST IN SPORT.

DR. KOTEWALL'S INFORMAL CONFERENCE.

Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., honorary president of the South China Athletic Association, invited the leading officers of the local Chinese athletic organizations and members of the Chinese football teams in Hong Kong to tea at his home yesterday afternoon when, despite the inclement weather, many attended.

General regret was expressed by all present that, under present circumstances, there was not enough space to meet the demands of the large number of Chinese youths for proper playing grounds where they could enjoy Western sports.

The gathering was entirely informal; Dr. Kotewall merely desiring to talk to those taking an active part in local sports and games and their management.

Among those present were Messrs. Ng Sze Kwong, Tsoi Kin Yung, Mok Hing, H. K. Li, Leung Cho U, Richard Shim, Ling Pat Cham, and members of the local Chinese football teams.

ST. KILDA'S CHRISTMAS MAILS.

AS LONG AS TO GET TO HONG KONG!

St. Kilda, the lonely island in the northern seas far beyond the Outer Hebrides, received its Christmas and New Year mail on January 23rd.

Nine bulky mailbags of letters and parcels were delivered there at the second attempt by the Fleetwood steamer *Robert Murray* from Fleetwood (Lancs). The ship was the first to call at the island for three months.

"When the steamer's syren sounded," said the captain, "the islanders stampeded like frightened sheep to the beach, where men, women, and children helped to launch a little old lifeboat."

Thirty Bearded Men.

"There was a mad scramble for places, and thirty bearded men, with the minister, came off in the boat. Although delighted to receive the longoverdue mails, they were disappointed that there were no fresh provisions, as these have run short.

"We have brought back big orders for flour and soda—to make the scones on which the islanders mainly exist—potatoes, and paraffin."

One old woman's order, written in big letters, was for a bottle of whisky. The next steamer leaving Fleetwood for St. Kilda will probably carry provisions.

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were not located but I would boldly assert that there is no truth in the story that the gallant crew of the latter were in any way connected with the armed-robbery which was perpetrated on Lamma Island on Sunday evening though they *did* hang round there for a long time and had a Gunn aboard.

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The Club cruiser was duly Christened by the Vice-Commodore who named her *Typhoon* and wished her luck and all who sail in her. Unfortunately the height of the tide did not permit of the launching taking place at the same time but when she did take the water in the presence of a few enthusiasts it was found that she floated just above her marks. By the time she has "taken up" and has been rigged she will be very near to her designed water line. If she sails as well as she has come to her marks then I believe that Messrs. Goulborn and Rouse together with the Club members who use her, will be satisfied. All who inspected her seemed pleased with the roominess of the cabin and the leg-room of the cockpit.

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Sir Thomas Lipton has not sent his challenge and we shall have to wait another year before he can do so; but in the interim there may be some alterations brought about in the conditions of the "America's Cup race if the meeting of the North American Yacht Racing Union with the International Union is productive of the results hoped for, that is, a rating rule for the whole world.

SUDDEN DEATH OF BISHOP SCOTT.

SEIZURE AFTER RELIGIOUS SERVICE AT SHANGHAI.

We regret to announce the death on Sunday evening at St. John's University, Shanghai, of Bishop Charles Perry Scott, who had been in China for the past 53 years. The late Bishop, who was 80 years old died very suddenly, having been, but half an hour before, attending religious services at the chapel of St. John's. A seizure grasped him and death occurred almost immediately afterwards.

The Rt. Rev. Charles Perry Scott, D.D., was born in Hull on June 27th, 1847. He was educated at Charterhouse and Jesus College, Cambridge. He was ordained Deacon in 1870 and Priest the following year.

He offered himself for missionary work in North China and in 1874 he and the Rev. Miles Greenwood left England together for China. They were first sent to Chefoo, to study the language and lived in the houses of the American Presbyterian missionary Dr. Nevius, who helped them greatly, and took them in turn on tours into the interior.

In 1877 Bishop Russell of North China presented Mr. Scott to an honorary canonry in his Cathedral at Shanghai.

The great famine of 1878-9 called Mr. Scott to take part in Relief Work provided from foreign sources in Shansi and Honan. The endowment for a Missionary Bishopric for North China was provided in 1880 and the Archbishop of Canterbury chose Mr. Scott as first Bishop and he held that position till his resignation in 1913, suffering the loss of all his possessions in the Boxer Uprising.

Bishop Scott was married in 1889 to Miss Frances Emily Burrows of Oxford, who died in 1900.

After Bishop Scott's resignation of his charge he lived in Peking at Ch'ung Tê School, lending assistance to the work of the Church in many ways. He was on his way to England when he died. The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon.

CATHEDRAL'S RECONSTRUCTED ORGAN.

FIRST OF SERIES OF RECITALS.

Reference has been made several times in these columns to the reconstructed organ at St. John's Cathedral. The organ has been dedicated but the task still remains of wiping out the debt and with a view to helping this on a series of organ recitals has been arranged.

The first of these was given last evening at the Cathedral, by the Cathedral organist, Mr. Frederick Mason, A.R.C.O., and despite the bad weather there was a good attendance, which would have been better still under more favourable circumstances.

The programme of the recital has already been given in the *Daily Press* this week and every piece of an extremely well chosen selection was played with masterly skill by Mr. Mason.

The second organ recital will be given next Friday evening at 5.45 by Mr. Rupert Baldwin, the organist of St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon; and the following Friday evening, March 4th, Mr. Mason will give another recital. Further recitals will be announced in due course.

HELEN WILLS GETTING FAT?

SUZANNE'S CANDID VIEWS!

Suzanne Lenglen thinks that the American lawn tennis "stars" are deteriorating.

In an interview at Atlanta, Georgia, she said that Tilden was getting too old for tennis, and that Miss Helen Wills was putting on weight.

"Tilden has passed the peak of his form," Mlle. Lenglen said: "I think that his game will go down rather than up. He will never again dominate the courts, because he has ceased to be unbeatable."

Concerning Miss Wills, Mlle. Lenglen said: "I am surprised that she is allowing herself to get fat. She's getting too big about the hips. Perhaps she can play tennis that way, but if she can she could play just that much better if she kept herself thin."

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CHARGE AGAINST PROMINENT CHINESE MERCHANT.

LOAN TRANSACTION WITH A FRIEND.

A CASE TO ANSWER.

There were many prominent Nam Pak Hong merchants present when the case in which Mr. Li Yee Woon, manager of the Wong Fung firm at Wing Lok Street, is alleged to have received nine thousand dollars in excess from the Bank of Canton, Ltd., was resumed yesterday before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Magistracy.

Mr. Li went to the Bank of Canton on December 13th to cash a cheque of $1,000, and the cashier of the bank declares that he paid out $10,000 to the defendant, with the result that Mr. Li is now accused of stealing this sum from the Bank of Canton.

Mr. M. M. Watson is appearing for the cashier of the Bank, and Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., instructed by Messrs. Lo & Lo, is for the defence.

At the last hearing, the prosecution asked leave to subpœna the master of a Chinese drug store from whom the defendant was alleged to have borrowed money to tide over difficulties. Mr. Alabaster then informed the Court that the defence is calling this witness and Mr. Watson would have the opportunity of questioning him.

At yesterday' hearing, the master of the Wing Took Fook Drug Store was called, and in reply to the Court, said that he knew the defendant and that he had had many financial transactions with him. During the Chinese 11th day of the 11th moon, witness said that the defendant borrowed three sums from him. The first loan was for $2,000 which witness gave defendant from the firm's money. The second loan was for $7,000 which was advanced from witness' private account. The third loan was for 10,000 from money belonging to the firm. These three sums were refunded the next day. Subsequent to these three loans, he made further advances to defendant who, on Chinese New Year's Eve, borrowed another $15,000 from him.

No Records of Loans.

In reply to the Magistrate, witness said that he did not keep a record of these loans. He could not remember the dates and the amounts which he had loaned to the defendant prior and subsequent to the three loans made on the 11th day of the Chinese 11th moon. He remembered that transaction because it was very unusual for defendant to make three demands on him in the course of a single day.

Cross-examined by Mr. Watson, witness said that the three loans were given at his own shop.

Mr. Watson: What time?—I don't remember the exact, but I would say that it was between 10 and 11 a.m.

Mr. Watson: That will be the first loan. When was the second loan made?—I think the first loan of $2,000 was taken at about 9 or 10 a.m. The third loan of $10,000 was made after 3 p.m.

Mr. Watson: Did the defendant come personally?—Yes.

Mr. Watson: Do you remember coming up to the Police Station to make a statement?—Yes.

Mr. Watson: The inspector at the Station asked you about your transactions with the defendant, didn't he?—Yes.

Mr. Watson: You told the Inspector that another sum of $15,000 was borrowed from you on January 24th?

Witness: He asked me when was the last time I loaned money to the defendant, and I only said that the last loan to the defendant was for $15,000. I did not mention the date.

Mr. Watson: I put it to you that you did not lend the $7,000 to defendant on the 11th day of the 11th moon, and that you have been asked by the defendant to say so?

Witness: No, I did lend the money and the reason why I remember it was that he came to get money from me three times that day.

Mr. Watson: Why did you not tell the Police at the time when you were questioned?

Witness: I did not recall it then, but I do now.

Mr. Watson: At the time when you were questioned by the Police you did not know that the defendant would be charged?

Witness: No, I did not.

Mr. Watson submitted that the witness's story was most inconsistent with what he said to the Police. He (counsel) would ask the interpreter and the Inspector to go in the box to prove the statement.

Mr. Alabaster objected on the ground that the witness was called by the prosecution, and therefore could not be treated as a hostile witness. At the last hearing, the prosecution specially requested the attendance of this witness, and as he understood it the evidence given by the witness was for the prosecution.

Mr. Watson contended that in order to test the evidence of a witness, who is suspected of not telling the truth, the witness could be treated as hostile.

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His Worship: I will hear the evidence of the interpreter who took down the statement.

Some amusement was caused when Mr. Alabaster, on looking around, exclaimed "Oh, I see the witness has been in the Court all the time and has heard the evidence of the last witness.

Mr. Lindsell (to the interpreter): Have you been here all the time, and have you heard everything?—Yes, I have.

The Magistrate then said that he would hear the statement, but he would call the interpreter to prove if a statement had been given by the witness.

Mr. Alabaster said he had no objection to make the statement and he saw no inconsistencies with the evidence just given.

The Cashier's Evidence.

The assistant cashier of the Bank said that it was his duty to check up the money of all the departments after the accounts had been balanced for the day. On the day in question, he checked up complainant's accounts and found that he had in all $95,894.69, and as there was a deficit, he did not O.K. the complainant's book.

This closed the case for the prosecution.

Defence Opened.

Mr. Alabaster submitted that he had no case to answer.

The prosecution could not prove that the defendant obtained the money on him in an unlawful manner. A second point was that it was inconceivable how the mistake, if made, should not have been detected. The cheque passed through three hands, and, furthermore, defendant went away and returned after twenty minutes to get his money.

Commenting on the evidence of defendant's discharged coolie and accountant, Mr. Alabaster said that it was obvious that they had heard of the case the very first day it arose, because two of the Bank's staff went to defendant's office. It was also obvious that the discharged servants, thinking that the defendant had actually been overpaid, concocted the plan to get a share of the money by threatening to leave. Defendant very rightly dismissed them.

Should the Court want to hear evidence for the defence he was prepared to call the defendant and two more witnesses.

Mr. Lindsell ruled that there was a case to answer, and adjourned the hearing until Tuesday morning at 11.30.

A SHAM DEAF MUTE.

MYSTERIOUS SOLDIER'S POSE FOR A YEAR.

POSSIBLE FUTURE AS FILM ACTOR.

The mystery of the man who has represented himself to be an American subject, an ex-soldier in the British Army, and incidentally a deaf mute, and who has been for five months in hospital in Rotterdam, has not yet been entirely solved. It is impossible to check all his statements, and the authorities here fear that he may still be romancing.

It is clear that the strain of keeping up the pose has been too much, and he stated to a police officer that he would not go through the experience again for a fortune.

The discovery of the rôle he was playing was made by observing that when the Hungarian Consul spoke to him in the Magyar language he always had a nervous attack. Recently a doctor wrote on his tablet, "You can speak and you can hear," and this made him so angry that he sprang out of bed and attacked the doctor.

His Confession.

He made a written statement to the Hungarian Consul, the gist of which is as follows:

He was born in February 1896 at Tiszakezi, in Hungary. His father was a railway worker of drunken habits and his mother was a consumptive.

At the age of 10, he escaped from an institution and went on foot through Luxembourg to Paris. Later he was repatriated and again sent to an institution.

On the outbreak of war he was sent to the front. He served on the Rumanian and the Italian fronts, being wounded several times and suffering from shell-shock. Early in 1918 he was confined in an asylum as a dangerous lunatic, but later in the year was discharged as cured.

Returning home he was with his mother when she died and he buried her with his own hands.

Condemned by the Reds, with five of his friends, to be shot, he escaped and started business as a pig dealer. Later he took to stealing, and was sentenced to 2½ years' imprisonment.

He went to Vienna, where a film actor advised him to act as a deaf-mute to induce charitable persons to send him to his brother in Rio de Janeiro. He learned to make deaf and dumb signs with his fingers and for a year did not speak.

Before he reached the Dutch frontier and was taken charge of by the British Consul he wandered over Austria, Czeche-Slovakia, Poland, and Germany. Should the present inquiries prove satisfactory, it is probable that he will be sent to Rio de Janeiro to act for the films.

THE S.S. "FRANCONIA."

NOT CALLING HERE ON HER WORLD.

Originally mentioned in the list of round-the-world liners which are to call here during 1927, the s.s. *Franconia* will not touch this port, as was originally scheduled. Her route is as follows:—

She left New York on January 12th, 1927, and travelled southward *viâ* Kingston, to Los Angeles and Honolulu *viâ* the Panama Canal. From Honolulu the "new route" commenced, Samoa and Fiji being visited *en route* to New Zealand. After a visit to Auckland and the Rotorua Thermal District, Wellington and environs, Hobart, the capital of Tasmania, will be seen before reaching Australia. Melbourne, Sydney and motor tours to the famous Blue Mountains and Jenolan Caves are included.

Other places visited will be the Straits Settlements, Ceylon, British New Guinea, Java, South Africa *viâ* Mombasa, Zanzibar and Portuguese East Africa.

The vessel is due back in New York on June 2nd.

CROWDED BRITAIN.

NEED FOR MIGRATION.

"Population and Migration" were the chief subjects considered at a recent meeting of the Geographical Association, held at the London School of Economics.

Colonel Sir Charles Close, ex-Director-General of the Ordinance Survey, in his presidential address on "Population and Migration," said that with regard to Great Britain they could take certain numerical facts as proved. The birth-rate and the death-rate were diminishing, the former more rapidly than the latter. Although the population continued to increase, there was ample evidence that the rate of increase was rapidly getting less. The effect of the war was very marked, and the population was at least two millions less than it would have been had there been no war. In spite of this, Great Britain's population was too large, and the country could not adequately support such an enormous number of people. In January, 1927, the white population of the British Empire was distributed as follows:

Great Britain	44,000,000
Ireland	4,200,000
Canada	9,700,000
Australia	6,000,000
New Zealand	1,400,000
South Africa	1,700,000
Newfoundland	270,000
South Rhodesia	40,000

The total population in those areas was thus 67.3 millions, and very badly distributed, he added.

The population of Germany was about 63,000,000, and the white population of the United States about 104,000,000. In twenty years' time the number of white people in the Dominions, excluding Ireland, would probably have increased from 19,000,000 to 25,000,000.

It was, perhaps, permissible to hope that in the next twenty years there would be a decrease of population of some millions in this overcrowded country. The British Commonwealth was not in a healthy state so long as it suffered from an overstrained and overtaxed heart. One means of effecting the desirable reduction was by a well considered policy of migration.

Taking a round number, they might perhaps say that the Dominions as a whole could comfortably absorb each year about five per thousand of their total population, which was now 19,000,000. Consequently nearly 100,000 might be the annual migration figure from Great Britain. To this must be added the quota of the United States of 34,000. At present, therefore, they might fix as a reasonable figure a net migration of 130,000 or 140,000.

"JEWELLERY GEORGE."

3 YEARS FOR LONDON RECEIVER.

George Spiers, aged 57, commission agent, was found guilty at the Old Bailey of receiving jewellery, part of the proceeds of the Hatton Garden mail van robbery, and was sentenced to three years' penal servitude.

"Jewellery George," as Spiers is known to the police, is probably one of the biggest receivers of stolen property in London. For years he has been under police observation.

In 1923 he was arrested while in possession of articles stolen from the house of a peer, and at the Old Bailey in September of that year he was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment.

Many jewel thieves and housebreakers knew where to find "Jewellery George" at certain times of the day. When they had any jewellery to dispose of a signal was given, and a few streets away the deal was quickly completed.

His nimble wit enabled Spiers to keep off the track of the police, and his haunts were changed every two or three days. His residence was also changed from one part of London to another.

A police officer stated in court that at one time Spiers had been in partnership as a diamond merchant and had been well respected in Clerkenwell. He left that business, however, and started dealing on his own and had got mixed up with very "shady" people.

CHURCH NOTICES.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, HONG KONG.

FEBRUARY 20TH, 1927, Septuagesima Sunday:—
Holy Communion at 8 a.m.
Children's Service at 10 a.m.
Matins at 11 a.m.:—
Preacher:—Rev. H. Copley Moyle.
Holy Communion at 12 noon.
Evensong at 6 p.m.:—
Preacher:—Rev. G. F. Stopford, C.F.
A social gathering will be held in the Cathedral Hall after Evensong. A Cordial Welcome will be extended to all Service men and others. Music, Light Refreshments.

TUESDAY, February 22nd, at 6 p.m.:—
C.E.M.S. address by the Rev. W. W. Rogers on The Old Testament.

FRIDAY, February 25th, at 5.45 p.m.:—
Organ Recital by Mr. Rupert Baldwin, A.T.C.L. [97

UNION CHURCH. (KENNEDY ROAD).

SUNDAY SERVICES, February 20th:—
Sunday School at 9.45 a.m.
Morning Service at 10.30 a.m.:—
Hymns: 108, 551, 317 and 261.
P.S.A. in Lecture Hall at 4 p.m.:—
Evening Service at 6 p.m.:—
Hymns: 679, 148, 12, 526 and 597.
Preacher both Morning and Evening:—Rev. J. Kirk Maconachie.

WEDNESDAY, February 23rd, at 8.15 p.m.—Soldiers' and Sailors' Christian Association.

FRIDAY, February 25th, at 8.30 p.m.—Christian Endeavour Meeting and Social Hour. [96

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Half an hour after leaving Alicante for Casablanca one day last month, an aeroplane on the Toulouse, Rabat, and Casablanca air service returned and the pilot reported the loss of a passenger.

Meanwhile the police had been informed by workers on a local estate of the discovery of a body. The dead man's papers identified him as Maurice Boucher, 62, an unmarried engineer, of Paris, the missing passenger.

His death is believed to have been due to suicide, both because of the difficulty of falling accidentally from the machine and because M. Boucher is said to have spoken on the previous night of disappointments and personal losses.

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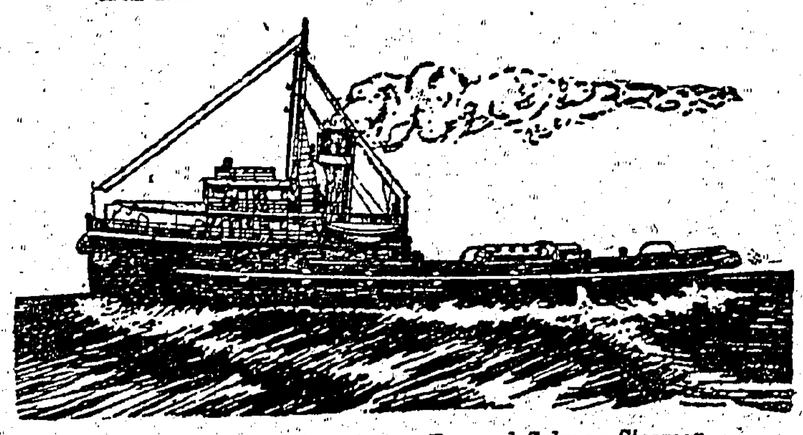

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J. LIMAGE, Agent.

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SHANGHAI	"SZECHUEN"	On 20th	Feb.,	4 p.m.
BANGKOK	"KINGYUAN"	On 22nd	Feb.,	6 a.m.
AMOY & SHANGHAI	"SOOCHOW"	On 23rd	Feb.,	6 a.m.
AMOY, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANKING"	On 23rd	Feb.,	8 a.m.
BANGKOK	"KIUNGCHOW"	On 24th	Feb.,	6 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"SHANTUNG"	On 24th	Feb.,	Noon
HOIHOW & HAIPHONG	"TEAN"	On 24th	Feb.,	Noon
WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"KUEICHOW"	On 25th	Feb.,	4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	"SUNNING"	On 26th	Feb.,	6 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI TSINGTAO & DALNY	"YINGCHOW"	On 27th	Feb.,	Noon
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Arrivals and Departures, Passengers, etc.

ARRIVALS.

February 17th.

Asama Maru, Japanese str., 2,011 tons, Capt. I. Iwami, from Canton, lying at buoy No. C42.—Suzuki & Co.

Bŏndoeng Maru, Japanese str., 2,469 tons, Capt. N. Suzuki, Sourabaya and Balikpapan, with molasses and flour, lying at buoy No. A27.—Nanyo Yusen Kaisha.

Corona, Norwegian str., 1,953 tons, Capt. O. M. Klette, from Canton, lying at buoy No. B50.—Dodwell & Co.

Dorry, Germa nstr., 878 tons, Capt. J. Jacobsen, from Tourane and Hoihow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C17.—Cheong Yue S.S. Co.

Huichow, British str., 1,222 tons, Capt. R. Ashby, from Tientsin and Weihaiwei with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C34.—B. & S.

Juno, Dutch str., 1,385 tons, Capt. H. H. Bosman, from Singapore, with kerosene, lying at Taikoktsui.—A.P.C.

Meriones, British str., 4,810 tons, Capt. A. Ogden, from Glasgow and Singapore. The latter port she left on February 12th, with a general cargo, lying at Holt's Wharf.—B. & S.

Oliva, British str., 3,335 tons, Capt. C. H. Purkis, from Rotterdam and Shanghai. The latter port she left on February 14th, with a *nil* entry, lying at North Point.—A.P.C.

Tak Hing, Chinese str., 105 tons, Capt. Cheng Yung Fat, from Autau, with a general cargo, lying at Luen Cheong Wharf.—Fook Hoi S.S. Co.

Tonkin, French str., 846 tons, Capt. F. L. Morvan, from Haiphong, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B20.—Messageries Maritimes.

February 18th.

Alaska Maru, Japanese str., 4,553 tons, Capt. M. Yajima, from Antwerp and Singapore. The atter port she left on February 11th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—O.S.K.

Alexander Kielland, Norwegian str. 1,805 tons, Capt. Wm. Asbjorensen, from Bangkok, with rice and general cargo, lying at buoy No. B22.—Wallem & Co.

Antilochus, British str., 5,768 tons, Capt. J. K. Dunlop, from Shanghai, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A2.—B. & S.

Delta, British str., 4,738 tons, Capt. F. Sudell, R.D., R.N.R., F.R.G.S., from Shanghai, which port she left on February 15th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A4.—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.

Hermelin, Norwegian str., 1,163 tons, Capt. A. Pederson, from Bangkok and Kohsichang, with rice and general cargo, lying at buoy No. C39.—Thoresen & Co.

Ho Sang, British str., 3,293 tons, Capt. J. M. Wright, from Singapore, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Kalyan, British str., 5,661 tons, Capt. W. A. Catching, from Shanghai, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A3.—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.

Macassar Maru, Japanese str., 2,511 tons, Capt. S. Nakamura, from Miike, with cement and coal, lying at Stonecutters.—Nanyo Yusen Kaisha.

Maud, Norwegian str., 1,251 tons, Capt. L. H. Stranger, from Canton, lying at Yaumati.—Karsten Larsen & Co.

Minghao, Chinese str., 1,194 tons, Capt. A. Leisberg, from Bangkok and Kohsichang, with a cargo of rice, lying at buoy No. A28.—Kwang Nguan Seng.

Nyanza, British str., 7,023 tons, Capt. L. M. Gordon, from Bombay and Singapore, with general cargo and cotton, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—Order.

CLEARANCES.

February 18th.

Alaska Maru, for Shanghai.
Antilochus, for Manila.
Asama Maru, for Bangkok.
Chinhua, for Bangkok.
Chokyu Maru, for Saigon.
Chukwa Maru, for Tsingtao.
Corona, for Chinwangtao.
Delta, for Singapore.
Hai Ching, for Amoy.
Hydrangea, for Kwang Chow Wan.
Kalyan, for Singapore.
Maud, for Saigon.
Menado Maru, for Hoihow.
Meriones, for Shanghai.
Norviken, for Swatow.
Nyanza, for Shanghai.
Osaka Maru, for Singapore.
Sanka Maru, for Canton.
Tak Hing, for Autow.
Tonkin, for Haiphong.
Yuan On, for Swatow.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVALS.

Per s.s. *Delta*, from Kobe to Hong Kong, on February 18th:—Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Wells and Miss N. Wells.

Per s.s. *Kalyan*, from Yokohama *vid* Ports and Shanghai, on Feb. 18th:—For Hong Kong: Mr. A. Dallas, Mr. A. Stevenson, Mr. B. Bradbury, Lt. C. Pugh, R.N., Lt. H. Nicholl, Lt. A. Waring, Miss A. Dinneen, Mr. F. Marshall, Mr. W. Andrews, Mr. H. Donald, Capt. J. Hunt, Mr. F. Pine, the Misses de Souza, Mr. S. Gray, Rev. and Mrs. J. Wilson.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The N.D.L. s.s. *Trier*, from Europe, left Singapore on the 17th inst., and is expected to arrive here on next Tuesday afternoon or Wednesday morning. She will leave for Shanghai and Japan on Thursday morning.

WITHIN CALL.

The following vessels were expected to be in wireless communication with Hong Kong yesterday:—*Nyanza Deucalion, Soochow, President Jefferson, Talma, Delta, Chinhua, Meriones, Hai Ching, Juno, Maud, Tjilehoet, Mongolia, Takliwa, Tjisaroea, Hua Shan, Kwang Chow, Shinyo Maru, Tango Maru, Bandoeng Maru.*

WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 6.30 p.m., states:—

The depression is now central to the S.E. of Hainan. Moderate monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and variable winds over the China Sea.

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Mar. 23	Seattle	Geo. Washington	Apr. 20	P'mth-C'brg Apr. 27
Mar 29	San Francisco	Homeric	Apr. 30	C'brg-S'hmptn May 6
Apr. 6	Seattle	Leviathan	Apr. 30	C'brg-S'hmptn May 7
Apr. 12	San Francisco	Aquitania	May 11	C'brg-S'hmptn May 17
Apr. 20	Seattle	Majestic	May 14	C'brg-S'hmptn May 20

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PRESIDENT HAYES	Tuesday, Mar. 29th,	6.00 a.m.
PRESIDENT POLK	Tuesday, Apr. 12th,	8.00 a.m.
PRESIDENT ADAMS	Tuesday, Apr. 26th,	8.00 a.m.

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PRESIDENT JEFFERSON	Feb. 21st,	6.00 p.m.
PRESIDENT WILSON	Mar. 1st,	6.00 a.m.
PRESIDENT LINCOLN	Mar. 1st,	6.00 p.m.
PRESIDENT GRANT	Mar. 7th,	6.00 p.m.
PRESIDENT VAN BUREN	Mar. 15th,	8.00 a.m.

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STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"NAMSANG"	Monday,	21st Feb., at 3 p.m.
OSAKA via SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE	"HOSANG"	Tuesday,	22nd Feb., at 7 a.m.
TIENTSIN via SWATOW, S'HAI & CHEFOO	"TINGSANG"	Tuesday,	22nd Feb., at 7 a.m.
CANTON	"HANGSANG"	Tuesday,	22nd Feb., at 7 a.m.
TSINGTAU via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"HANGSANG"	Sunday,	27th Feb., at 7 a.m.
TSINGTAU via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"HOPSANG"	Wednesday,	2nd Mar., at 7 a.m.
TIENTSIN	"CHEONGSHING"	Thursday,	3rd Mar., at Noon
SANDAKAN	"MAUSANG"	Tuesday,	8th Mar., at 1 p.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"LAISANG"	Tuesday,	8th Mar., at 3 p.m.
OSAKA via MOJI, YOKOHAMA & KOBE	"KUMSANG"	Tuesday,	15th Mar., at 7 a.m.
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EMPRESS OF ASIA	May 11	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 29
EMPRESS OF CANADA	June 1	June 4	June 7	June 10	June 19
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	June 22	June 25	June 28	July 1	July 10
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SEIYO MARU	Monday,	21st Feb.
TOKUSHIMA MARU	Monday,	28th Feb.

CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.

MURORAN MARU	Wednesday,	2nd March

NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

AKI MARU	Saturday,	19th March

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

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YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

LOCAL IMPORTS BELOW AVERAGE.

THROUGH CARGOES INCREASE.

The freight returns during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday showed that the amount of general merchandise entering into the Colony was below the average. Cargoes for ports beyond, however, had considerably increased.

The Colony's imports amounted to 7,173 tons of general cargo, of which, 3,220 tons were discharged from 5 British vessels.

Through cargoes were manifested on ten steamers. The total amount carried was 28,331 tons. Of these, 16,849 tons were on 6 British steamers.

The two best returns were 10,200 tons on the s.s. *Alaska Maru*, from Antwerp and Singapore, and 6,500 tons on the British steamer *Kalyan*, from Vladivostock and Shanghai.

During the period under review, there were 19 arrivals and 15 departures: Their nationalities were:—British, 6 arrivals and 11 departures; Japanese, 3 arrivals; Norwegian, 2 arrivals and 1 departure; Chinese, 4 arrivals and 1 departure; Dutch, 1 arrival and 1 departure; French, 2 arrivals and 1 departure; German, 1 arrival.

Vessels in port totalled 75, of which, 26 were British.

SHIPPING NOTES.

The P. & O. s.s. *Delta* arrived in port yesterday from Japan and Shanghai, and sailed again yesterday afternoon for Straits ports and Bombay. In addition to a good freight return, the vessel brought Home and Europe mail *via* Siberia, and had on board twelve first class passengers, and a number of children.

Another P. & O. arrival yesterday was the s.s. *Kalyan* from Shanghai, which sails to-day at noon for London. The *Kalyan* brought 33 first-class passengers, 28 second-class passengers and a number of children, making about 70 passengers in all. Sixteen passengers disembarked here. The remainder were mostly for Marseilles and London.

A cargo boat was swamped on Thursday at daylight, when in the vicinity of the *Kau Sing* buoy, the wind and weather being boisterous at the time. The cargo floated away, but the crew were able to right the vessel and bale her out, after which she returned to the junk anchorage without damage.

The *Empress of Asia*, which left Yokohama yesterday at 5 p.m., is due at Hong Kong on the 24th inst.

One case of beri-beri was reported on board the s.s. *Kalyan*, from Vladivostock and Shanghai. The patient was isolated.

The s.s. *Huichow*, which came into port yesterday from Tientsin and Weihaiwei passed a derelict junk in position 22° 46' N., 116° 21' E., which is considered dangerous to Navigation.

En route from Shanghai and Amoy, the s.s. *Ichang* encountered very bad monsoon weather, and had to anchor for 8 hours.

(*Continued on next Column*).

VESSELS EXPECTED.

Antenor (Blue Funnel), due March 2nd.
Calchas (Blue Funnel), due March 17th.
Delhi (Swedish East Asiatic), due March 2nd.
Empress of Asia (C.P.R.), due February 24th.
Eumaeus (Blue Funnel), due March 27th.
Hector (Blue Funnel), due April 2nd.
Nyanza (P. & O.), due this morning.
Polyphemus (Blue Funnel), due March 7th.
President Jefferson (D.S. and A.M.L.), due to-day.
Rhexenor (Blue Funnel), due March 1st.
Talma (B.I. & Apcar), due to-morrow.
Troilus (Blue Funnel), due March 13th.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONG KONG.

FOR FEBRUARY, 1927.

STANDARD TIME OF THE 120th MERIDIAN, EAST OF GREENWICH.

	Sunrise.	*Sunset.*
February 19th	6.53 a.m.	6.22 p.m.
" 20th	6.52 "	6.22 "
" 21st	6.52 "	6.23 "
" 22nd	6.51 "	6.23 "
" 23rd	6.50 "	6.24 "
" 24th	6.49 "	6.24 "
" 25th	6.49 "	6.25 "
" 26th	6.48 "	6.25 "
" 27th	6.47 "	6.26 "
" 28th	6.47 "	6.26 "

The total number of deck passengers entering Hong Kong during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday was 198.

HONG KONG METEOROLIGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, Feb. 18th.

	Previous Day at 2 p.m.	On Date at 6 a.m.	On Date at 2 p.m.
Barometer...	29.90	29.89	29.54
Temperature	58	59	61
Humidity ...	88	88	94
Wind—			
Direction	E	E	E
Force ...	5	4	3
Weather ...	O	O	OR
Rain	1.59	0.00	1.04

Highest open-air Temperature, 17th: 58
Lowest open-air Temperature, 18th: 53

B=Blue sky; C=Cloudy; D=Drizzle; F=Fog; L=Lightning; M=Mist; O=Overcast; P=Passing showers; Q=Squalls; R=Rain; T=Thunder.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From February 19th to 25th, 1927.

Days of Week.	Date of Month.	High Water. Hong Kong Standard Time.	Height.	Low Water. Hong Kong Standard Time.	Height.
		h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
Sat.	19	m 11 41	4 6	m 5 22	1 2
		11 0 a	6 5	4 39 a	2 8
Sun.	20	m 11 57	4 7	m 5 51	1 5
		11 25 a	6 1	5 16 a	2 9
Mon.	21	0 16 a	4 8	m 6 19	2 0
		11 54 a	5 6	5 56 a	3 0
Tues.	22	0 43 a	5 0	m 6 45	2 4
				6 45 a	3 1
Wed.	23	m 0 38	5 0	m 7 18	2 8
		1 19 a	5 1	7 59 a	3 2
Thur.	24	m 1 39	4 4	m 7 38	3 1
		2 6 a	5 4	9 42 a	3 1
Fri.	25	m 3 14	4 0	m 8 2	3 4
		3 5 a	5 7	11 28 a	2 7

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Steamers.	Sailings from Marseilles.	Arr. at Hong Kong & Sailings for Shanghai and Japan.	Sailings from Hong Kong for Marseilles.
ANGKOR ... ...B	—	—	1st Mar.
PORTHOS ... ...A	14th Jan.	16th Feb.	15th Mar.
PAUL LECAT ... ...A	28th Jan.	2nd Mar.	29th Mar.
G. METZINGER... ...A	11th Feb.	16th Mar.	12th April
AMAZONE... ... ...B	25th Feb.	30th Mar.	26th April
CHENONCEAUX ...A	11th Mar.	12th April	10th May

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"NELLORE"	6,852	2nd March	S'pore., Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"MANTUA"	10,902	5th March	Marseilles and London.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	12th March	Mar'les., L'don., Anwerp & R'dam.
"NAGPORE"	5,283	14th March	Saigon, Mar'les., London, Antwerp, Hamburg & Rotterdam.
"NYANZA"	7,023	16th March	S'pore., Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"MONGOLIA"	16,504	19th March	Marseilles & London.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	2nd April	Marseilles and London.
"KHYBER"	9,114	9th April	Mar'les., L'don, Antwerp, R'dam. & Hull.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	16th April	Mar'les., London, & Antwerp.
"DELTA"	8,097	27th April	S'pore., Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"MALWA"	10,980	30th April	Marseilles and London.
"NELLORE"	6,853	11th May	S'pore, Penang, Columbo & B'bay
"KHIVA"	9,138	14th May	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"NYANZA"	7,023	25th May	S'pore., Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"MOREA"	10,198	28th May	Marseilles and London.
"KASHMIR"	9,005	11th June	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"MANTUA"	10,902	25th June	Marseilles and London.
"KALYAN"	9,144	9th July	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	23rd July	Marseilles and London.

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"TALMA"	10,000	22nd Feb., 10.30 a.m.	Singapore, Penang and Calcutta
"SHIRALA"	7,841	4th March	do.
"GAMBHIRA"	5,257	18th March	do.
"TAKADA"	6,949	24th March	do.
"TALAMBA"	8,010	31st March	do.

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (SOUTH)

*"TANDA"	6,956	4th Mar.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	1st April	
"ARAFURA"	6,000	29th April	
"TANDA"	6,956	3rd June	
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	1st July	
"ARAFURA"	6,000	29th July	

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"GAMBHIRA"	5,257	25th Feb.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	4th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TAKADA"	6,947	6th March	Kobe.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	8th March	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama.
"KHYBER"	9,114	11th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TALAMBA"	8,018	12th March	Kobe.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	18th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"LAHORE"	5,252	27th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MALWA"	10,980	1st April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"DELTA"	8,097	1st April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	5th April	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama.
"JEYPORE"	7,848	12th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"NELLORE"	6,853	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KHIVA"	9,135	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"NYANZA"	7,023	22th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MOREA"	10,953	29th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TANDA"	6,956	8th May	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama.

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Shanghai & Europe via Siberia ...	*Deucalion*	19th Feb.
Shanghai	*Soochow* ...	19th Feb.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai...	*Pres. Jefferson* ...	20th Feb.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	*Shinyo Maru* ...	20th Feb.
Japan & Amoy	*Talma* ...	21st Feb.
Straits	*Kamo Maru* ...	21st Feb.
Shanghai	*Shantung* ...	25th Feb.
Japan and Shanghai ...	*Hakusan Maru* ...	25th Feb.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan & Shanghai...	*Emp. of Asia* ...	27th Feb.
Manila	*Pres. Jefferson* ...	28th Feb.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai...	*Pres. Wilson* ...	28th Feb.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	*Pres. Lincoln* ...	28th Feb.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
		Saturday, 19th,
		Reg. 9.45 A M
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 19th Mar.	*Kalyan* ..	Letters 10.30 A M
Shanghai, *Japan & EUROPE via Siberia (letters & postcards specially superscribed "Via Siberia" only)...	*Nyanza*	10.00 A M
Iloilo and Cebu	*West Himrod* ...	10.00 A M
Haiphong	*Tonkin*	12.30 P M
Fort Bayard	*Wing Wo*... ..	1.00 P M
Japan	*Bandoeng Maru*...	1.30 P M
Shanghai and Japan	*Hosany*	5.00 P M
Swatow	*Mingwang*	5.00 P M
Hoihow and Tourane	*Detawenges* ...	5.00 P M
Batavia, Semarang and Sourabaya...	*Macassar Maru* ...	5.00 P M
Straits	*Deucalion*	5.00 P M
		Sunday, 20th,
Swatow & Bangkok	*Kiangsu*	9.00 A M
Shanghai	*Szechuen*	9.00 A M
		Monday, 21st,
	Kaijo Maru ...	8.30 A M
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	*Namsang* ..	Parcels Noon
Straits and Calcutta		Letters 1.00 P M
	Pres. Jefferson ...	3.30 P M
Manila	*Kingyuan*	5.00 P M
Bangkok		Parcels 5.00 P M
		Tuesday, 22nd,
*Straits and Calcutta	*Talma*	Letters 9.00 A M
		Tuesday, 22nd,
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, *Canada, *U.S.A. *C. & *S. America, & *EUROPE via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 21st Mar., & EUROPE via Siberia (letters & postcards specially superscribed "Via Siberia" only)	*Shinyo Maru* ...	Reg. 9.45 A M Letters 10.30 A M
		Parcels Noon
U.S.A., Canada, C. & S. America, and *EUROPE via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 18th March	*West Elcajon*	Reg. 2.45 P M Letters 3.30 P M
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	*Hai Ning* ...	1.00 P M
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 24th Mar.	*Demodocus* ...	Reg. 1.45 P M Letters 2.30 P M
Amoy	*Soochow*	5.00 P M
		Wednesday, 23rd,
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 7th Mar....	*Mishima Maru*	Reg. 8.45 A M Letters 9.30 A M
		Friday, 25th, Noon
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	*Hai Hong* ...	Parcels 5.00 P M
*Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America & *EUROPE via Victoria, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C., 22nd Mar.	*Protesilaus* ...	Reg. 26th, 9.45 A M Letters 10.30 A M
		Saturday, 26th,
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 27th Mar.	*Hakusan Maru*	Reg. 8.45 A M Letters 9.30 A M
Japan	*Ginyo Maru* ...	10.30 A M
		Sunday, 27th,
Manila	*Empress of Asia*...	9.00 A M

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Canton	Lyons	Semarang
Changchun	Los Angeles	Shanghai
Dairen	Manila	Singapore
(Dalny)	Nagasaki	Shimonoseki
Fengtien	Nagoya	Sydney
(Mukden)	Newchwang	Tientsin
Hamburg	Osaka	Tokyo
Hankow	New York	Tsinanfu
Harbin	Peking	Tsingtau
Hong Kong	Rio de Janeiro	
Vladivostock (Temporarily closed)		

Interest allowed on Current Accounts.
Deposits received for Fixed Periods at rates to be obtained on application.
H. MORI, Manager.
Hong Kong, 7th Dec., 1926. [35

BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE.
Head Office:
96, Boulevard Haussmann, Paris.

Subscribed Capital...Frs. 72,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital ...Frs. 68,400,000.00
Reserve Fund .....Frs. 59,657,253.84

BRANCHES:

Bangkok	Hanoi	Pondicherry
Battambang	Hong Kong	Saigon
Canton	Mengtsz	Shanghai
Djibouti	Noumea	Singapore
Fort Bayard	Papeete	Tientsin
Haiphong	Pekin	Tourane
Hankow	Phom-Penh	Yunnanfou

BANKERS:
IN FRANCE: Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; Crédit Lyonnais; Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas; Crédit Industrial et Commercial; Société Générale.
IN LONDON: The National Provincial and Union Bank of England, Ltd.; Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; Crédit Lyonnais.
IN NEW YORK: J. P. Morgan & Co.; French-American Banking Corporation; Guaranty Trusty Co., of New York.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposit according to arrangement.
Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.
A. LECOT, Manager.
Hong Kong, 20th March, 1924. [32

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE: HONG KONG.
10, Des Vœux Road Central.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL $10,000,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL 5,000,000
RESERVE FUND 1,200,000

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES.

Canton	Osaka	Haiphong
London	Singapore	Batavia
Seattle	Melbourne	Kowloon
Nagasaki	Calcutta	New York
Tientsin	Saigon	Kobe
Manila	San Francisco	Peking
Bombay	Taipeh	Rangoon
Shanghai	Tokyo	Sourabaya
Paris	Penang	Semarang
Honolulu		

Correspondents in all principal cities of the world.
Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
Loans granted on approved securities.
SAFE DEPOSIT BOXES TO LET.
KAN TONG PO, Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 22nd May, 1926.

THE BANK OF TAIWAN, LTD.
(TAIWAN GINKO.)

Incorporated by Special Imperial Charter, 1899.

Capital Subscribed ...Yen 45,000,000
Capital (Paid-up) ....Yen 39,375,000

HEAD OFFICE:—TAIPEH, FORMOSA.

BRANCHES:
JAPAN:—Tokyo, Yokohama, Kobe, Osaka.
FORMOSA:—Giran, Kagi, Karenko, Keelung, Makong, Nanto, Shinchiku, Taichu, Tainan, Takao, Tamsui, Toen, Heito, Taito.
CHINA:—Shanghai, Hankow, Amoy, Foochow, Swatow, Canton.
OTHERS:—Hong Kong, Singapore, Soerabaya, Semarang, Batavia, Bombay, London, New York, Calcutta.

LONDON BANKERS:
THE LONDON COUNTY WESTMINSTER AND PARR'S BANK.

The Bank has Correspondents in the Commercial Centres in the European Continent, Russia, Manchuria, Tsingtao, Japan, Indo-China, Siam, India, Philippine Islands, Java, Africa, &c.
Interest allowed on Current Accounts, and Fixed Deposits at Rates which will be quoted on application.
T. TAKAGI, Manager,
HONG KONG BRANCH,
8, Des Vœux Road, Central
Hong Kong, 11th May, 1926. [27

THE BANK OF CANTON, LTD.
Established 1912.
HEAD OFFICE: HONG KONG.

Hong Kong Currency
AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....$11,000,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL 8,564,200
RESERVE FUND..... 700,000

Branches:—
CANTON, SHANGHAI, HANKOW, SWATOW, BANGKOK, NEW YORK and SAN FRANCISCO.

London Bankers:—
THE LLOYDS BANK, LTD.

Correspondents
In all Principal Cities of the World.

Foreign Exchange and Banking Business of every description transacted.
Safe Deposit Boxes (various sizes) at a Yearly Rental of from $5 to $40.
LOOK POON SHAN, Chief Manager.
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CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.
INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.

HEAD OFFICE: LONDON.

Paid-up Capital £3,000,000
Reserve Fund £4,000,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors £3,000,000

AGENCIES AND BRANCHES.

ALOR STAR (Malay States)	ILOILO	RANGOON
AMRITSAR	IPOH	SAIGON
BANGKOK	KARACHI	SEMARANG
BATAVIA	KLANG	SERMBAN
BOMBAY	KOBE	SHANGHAI
CALCUTTA	KUALA LUMPUR	SINGAPORE
CANTON	KUCHING	SOURABAYA
CAWNPORE	MADRAS	TAIPING
CEBU	MANILA	(F.M.S.)
COLOMBO	MEDAN	TAVOY
DELHI	NEW YORK	TIENTSIN
HAIPHONG	PEKING	TOKYO
HAMBURG	PENANG	TSINGTAO
HANKOW	PESHAWAR	YOKOHAMA
HONG KONG	PUKET	ZAMBOANGA (Philippine Islands).

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking Business transacted.
CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received for one year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.
A. H. FERGUSON, Manager.
Hong Kong, August 1st, 1926. [30

BANQUE FRANCO-CHINOISE POUR LE COMMERCE ET L'INDUSTRIE.
(Incorporated in France).

5, Chater Road, Victoria, Hong Kong.
HEAD OFFICE:
74, Rue St. Lazare, Paris.

Capital .....Frs. 20,000,000
Reserves .....Frs. 11,160,000
Special Working Capital .....Frs. 50,000,000

BRANCHES:

Paris	Lyons	Marseilles
Saigon	Haiphong	Hanoi
Peking	Shanghai	Tientsin
Canton	Hong Kong	

BANKERS:
France: Société Generale, Banque Nationale de Crédit, Banque de Paris et des Pays Bas.
London: Midland Bank, Ltd.
New York: Irving Bank, Columbia Trust Co.

Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.
Correspondents throughout the World.
A. ROLLIN, Manager.
Hong Kong, 2nd December, 1925.

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